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GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTERS.

FIGHT TO INSERT SILVER REMONETISATION INTO U.S. GOLD BILL

"NO RETURN TO METALLIC STANDARD"

Opposed By British Banker.

A POLICY OF CHEAP AND ABUNDANT MONEY

London, To-day.

Opposition to an early return to a metallic basis for British currency was expressed by the Rt. Hon. Reginald McKenna, Chairman of the Midland Bank, at the annual meeting of shareholders yesterday.

He said that the success of a policy of cheap and abundant money in maintaining the general average of prices at a level which rendered production profitable, was beyond question.

World trade might still be disorganised, exchanges chaotic, international dealings accompanied by prohibitive tariffs and quotas, and other restrictions, yet notwithstanding all these obstacles, the trade of Britain had for many months been making steady and gratifying progress.

The international situation seemed ripe for the restoration of a universal monetary basis and gain from universality was the only consideration which should be allowed to tempt the country back to a metallic standard.

He urged that until the world had learned how to secure exchange stability without jeopardy to the stability of purchasing power, Britain's inflexible task should be to demonstrate that wise management of a monetary unit with no fixed attachment to gold was both practical and, in its results, highly beneficial. — British Wireless Service.

MINISTER'S AFRICAN AIR TOUR.

Colonial Secretary Much Better.

London, To-day.

Owing to the marked improvement in his condition the Colonial Secretary, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, hopes to leave Nairobi on Thursday next in continuation of his East African tour. — British Wireless Service.

COTTON INDUSTRY DEPRESSION.

Spinners Meet President Of Board Of Trade.

IMPROVEMENT OF OVERSEAS MARKET DISCUSSED.

London, To-day.

The causes of the depression in the cotton industry were discussed yesterday when Mr. Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, met the representatives of the spinning section of the industry at Manchester.

Mr. Runciman undertook to give careful consideration to the representations made, with a view to improving the overseas market for British cotton goods. — British Wireless Service.

WEATHER REPORT

Fine generally, warmer, with moderate north-easterly winds, is the forecast issued to-day by the Royal Observatory.

The forthcoming marriage between John Kendall Gals, collector, of No. 2, Bait Road, Holland Road, Singapore, and Laura Patricia Clark, of 80 Waterloo Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong, is announced.

WHEELER AMENDMENT BEFORE SENATE

DEFEAT PREDICTED BY LEADERS

PITTMAN URGES WIDER USE OF SILVER

MOMENTOUS SENATE VOTE TO BE DECIDED TO-DAY

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WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE UNITED STATES SENATE ADJOURNED AT 5.50 P.M. YESTERDAY WITHOUT ACTION. THE BOARD AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED BY 54 VOTES TO 36. THE AMENDMENT LIMITING REVALUATION OF THE DOLLAR TO A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF THREE YEARS WAS APPROVED. THE SENATE ALSO APPROVED THE VANDENBERG AMENDMENT PROVIDING THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY MUST HAVE THE PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL IN DIRECTING THE STABILISATION FUND.

Senator Key Pittman introduced an amendment authorising the President to issue silver certificates against the bullion now held by the Treasury. Senator Pittman explained that it merely designed to enable some use to be made of the silver now in the vaults.

Senator Wheeler introduced his amendment. He said it was intended to give silver a place in the monetary system on the basis of its gold equivalent value.

It was, he said, entirely different from the Wheeler Bill providing free and unlimited coinage of silver at a fixed ratio to gold.

The Wheeler amendment provides for the purchase of 50,000,000 ounces of silver monthly until the ratio reaches 16 to 1 to gold, when purchases will halt. Senator Wheeler said that the amendment is designed to protect the United States against foreign manipulators.

The Democratic leaders expect that the Wheeler amendment will be defeated. Senator Borah, in his speech, said that he supported the Gold Bill as a step in the right direction. He favoured the Bill to provide mandatory currency expansion.

Senator Borah's statement came when he opened the fight to insert silver remonetisation into the Gold Bill. — United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

EXPERTS TO HANDLE FUND.

No Speculative Foreign Exchange Battles.

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received January 27, 10.08 a.m.)

Washington, To-day. It is learned that President Roosevelt has already selected a number of experts to handle the stabilisation fund. It is reported that they include the nation's best monetary talent.

Observers believe that the bulk of the stabilisation fund will be used to finance gold transactions rather than speculative foreign exchange battles with foreign nations.

It is believed that the purchase and sale of gold would control the money price fluctuations better than speculative purchases and sales of foreign exchange in opposition to the British equalisation fund. — United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

"MONETARY WAR"

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received January 27, 10.08 a.m.)

Washington, To-day. Senator Bailey has defended the Gold Bill, asserting that it would increase prices to a point where the nation's debt burden could be liquidated.

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NO SIGNIFICANCE TO RISING DOLLAR.

Official Statement.

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received January 27, 9.19 a.m.)

Washington, To-day.

The White House states that the rising dollar has no special significance with the United States monetary policy. — United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

TWO AMENDMENTS DEFEATED.

Senate Votes To-day On Gold Bill.

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received January 27, 9.14 a.m.)

Washington, Later.

The United States Senate has defeated the proposal to limit the activities of the stabilisation fund to the sole purpose of stabilising dollars at exchange value.

It also defeated the House of Representatives provision requiring the President to inform Congress regarding the fund's operations.

The Senate meets again at 11 a.m. to-day, and will vote on Senator Wheeler's amendment at 2 p.m.

It agrees to limit the debate on the Gold Bill to 10 minute speeches after 4 p.m.

It is expected that the vote on the Gold Bill will be taken late to-day. — United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

He said that it was also needed in the monetary war.

"The question is whether President Roosevelt or foreign nations shall determine the value of our money," he said. — United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

"WORLD PRICE OF SILVER WILL ADVANCE"

Senator Key Pittman Expresses Optimism In U.S. Journal.

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Washington, To-day. In a letter to the "Mining Congress Journal" the Chairman of the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Key Pittman, said that he was satisfied that the world price of silver was going to advance. — United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

U.S. SENATE PROCEEDINGS SUMMARISED

Gold Bill Protects "Uncle Sam."

"IN MONETARY WAR FOR LOWER CURRENCIES"

Washington, To-day.

In the course of yesterday's debate in which the Senate voted to give the Secretary of the Treasury sole jurisdiction over the stabilisation fund, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Key Pittman, urged the extension of the President's powers to enable him to give silver certificates instead of actual silver dollars in exchange for silver bullion.

Senator Reed denounced the probable effects of the Bill and declared that the stabilisation fund would create an artificial market for the Government's bonds, and was tantamount to "pegging" for which the bankers had been condemned.

The Democratic leader, Senator Robinson, retorted that all that Senator Reed proposed was to continue ex-President Hoover's laissez faire policy.

Senator Bailey championed the Bill as designed to protect "Uncle Sam" in the monetary war with depreciated currency nations, and to relieve the tremendous burden of debt from the American people.

Senator Borah advocated the remonetisation of silver to broaden the world's monetary base, declaring that there was a shortage and maldistribution of gold.

The Monetary Bill attempted to meet the problem by sub-dividing gold, but it would not help the rest of the world, Senator Borah said.

Senator Wheeler introduced an amendment directing the Government to purchase silver until it reaches a ratio of 16 to 1 to gold. — Reuter.

Later.

The Senate agreed to vote at 2 p.m. to-day on Senator Wheeler's amendment which proposes that the Government should purchase 50,000,000 ounces of silver monthly until a 16 to 1 ratio to gold has been reached, or until 1,000,000,000 ounces have been bought.

The debate will continue until 4 p.m., when the Monetary Bill vote will be taken. — Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR RECOVERS.

Spot Silver Price Advances.

The dollar rose 1/16 yesterday, opening at 1/16.

The price of spot silver rose 1/16 on Friday, while that of forward remained unchanged, both closing at 19 5/16.

The cover rose from 2.04 to 2.05 on Friday, while New York on London was 2.04 1/2.



Mr. John Carverth Wells, the 22-year-old son of the famous Anglo-Canadian explorer, and his wife, Jill, trying out the tandem cycle on which they plan to travel to Abyssinia. They hope to recover the treasure of the Queen of Sheba which is said to have lain in the mountains near the Kenya border for centuries. — (S. & G.)

SILVER DECLINES AGAIN

Limited Support In New York.

WALL STREET STEADY

New York, To-day.

Support was rather limited on the decline of silver in New York yesterday. Tired long interest liquidated their commitments for distant months, due in some measure to lack of news from Washington.

Industrials, rails and utilities weakened, dropping .47, .10 and .34 to 106.38, 48.47 and 26.55 respectively, while bonds were up .09 to 89.00. The commodity index was up .32 to 52.88.

Business reached a good figure, 2,510,000 shares being traded.

In their market report, Messrs. E. A. Pierce and Company, through their local correspondents, Messrs. Asia Lands, Ltd., state: "Evidently the trading element is becoming more cautious, perhaps because of the inability of the market as a whole to make definite progress on the up-side and to attack the July 1933 high levels. Cross currents are developing throughout the market, with predictions of a moderate reaction increasing." (Continued on Page 9)

AMERICAN COTTON CROP.

Mr. Roosevelt Considers Further Control.

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Washington, To-day.

The White House has indicated that President Roosevelt is studying recommendations for further control of the cotton crop.

It is understood that the Administration favours taxing glass on excess production. — United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

Sir Robert Horns As New Chairman.

London, To-day.

Sir Robert Horns, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1921 and 1922 and has been Member of Parliament for the Hillhead Division of Glasgow since 1914, was yesterday appointed Chairman of the Great Western Railway. In succession to the late Viscount Chelmsford, British Wireless Service.

BRITISH VIEW ON DISARMAMENT

Still Adhere To Draft Convention.

SIR JOHN SIMON'S SPEECH ON MONDAY

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, will make a new declaration of the British policy on Disarmament, when Parliament re-assembles on January 29.

It may safely be assumed that this statement is based on the British draft convention, from which the Government has never made any material departure.

The final draft statement will be considered by the Disarmament Sub-Committee at a meeting to-day. — Reuter.

CABINET DISCUSSION

London, To-day.

A meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Disarmament over which the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, presided, was held at No. 10, Downing Street, yesterday afternoon. The meeting was the last which will be held prior to the re-assembly of Parliament next week.

Notes have been given of the questions relating to Disarmament and other current international matters which will be answered at Monday's session of the House of Commons. — British Wireless Service.

TREASURY ISSUE OVERSUBSCRIBED.

Applications Received For \$91,950,000.

London, To-day.

A total of \$91,950,000 was this week applied for in Treasury bills. The amount allotted in bills at 8 months was \$85,000,000.

The average rate per cent was 18/14d. as compared with 18/2d. last week.

Tenders for Treasury bills to a maximum amount of \$40,000,000 will be issued on February 2. — British Wireless Service.

PRINCE'S INTEREST IN UNEMPLOYED.

Pays Visit To Windsor Soup Kitchen.

London, To-day.

The Prince of Wales visited the Windsor Soup Kitchen yesterday, when about 100 children of unemployed men were having a hot dinner.

In the occupational centre in another part of the same building, the Prince saw a number of unemployed men engaged in boot-making, carpentry and other work. — British Wireless Service.

MEXICAN EAGLE OIL COMPANY.

Big New Concessions Confirmed.

LARGE BRITISH INTERESTS CONCERNED.

Mexico City, To-day.

The Mexican Eagle Oil Company, in which large British interests are concerned, has secured concessions to explore and develop 24,000 acres of new oil land in the State of Vera Cruz.

The Company will also continue the exploration of another 50,000 acres in the State of Tabasco, the concessions to which have now been confirmed. — Reuter.

GERMAN-POLISH PACT OF NON-AGGRESSION

10-Year Agreement Based On Kellogg Pact

Berlin, To-day.

A ten-year pact of non-aggression, based on the Kellogg Pact and Poland.

Both Powers agree not to resort to arms. — Reuter.

JAPAN TO EVADE INDIA TARIFFS?

Plan To Increase Imports Into Afghanistan.

Kabul, To-day.

The Japanese diplomatic mission arrived here yesterday to prepare for the establishment of a permanent Legation and to examine the possibility of extending the scope of Japanese imports to Afghanistan which would be permitted to pass the free zone at Karachi without paying the Indian Customs duties.

The Afghan Government has already appointed a Minister to Tokio. — Reuter.

TIBETAN RULER ELECTED.

Successor To Late Dalai Lama.

Nanking, To-day.

According to Chinese vernacular newspapers, Jo Chen-ho Tukotse has been elected Tibetan ruler in succession to the late Dalai Lama, by a general conference of Lamas.

He will take charge of Tibetan affairs pending the finding and crowning of the next Dalai Lama, the journals state. — Reuter.

BRITISH IMPORTS INTO FRANCE.

Board Of Trade Studying Quotas.

London, To-day.

The Board of Trade is still making a careful study of the effect on various branches of British industry of the reductions maintained in the recent revised list of quotas for British imports into France.

Communications of the subject are pending between the Government of the United Kingdom and the French Government. — British Wireless Service.



The WOMAN'S Page



Vogue for Sparkle



All that glitters is chic, according to the latest dictates of Dame Fashion. Here is Grace Bradley, charming screen actress, following the beaded way in a frock of massed crystals on a background of ice blue chiffon.

WIDE COLOUR RANGE FOR WINTER

White Still Maintains Popularity.

MANY SHADES OF BLUE

It would be far easier to say what colours aren't smart for winter—because the range of colours which are smart includes almost every winter shade. There are certain obvious exceptions, such as turquoise blue or coral, which are no longer being worn simply because women are tired of them! There are also certain conspicuous favourites.

At a recent fashion show in one of the smartest New York clubs, a range of blues was featured—all shades, even the turquoise mentioned as demode. And purples and fuschia shades, too. Then there are the dark colours of Patou and Paris, those ravishing off blacks which are so now and so mysteriously flattering.

About these blacks, now. To identify them in your own mind despite the non-descriptive colour names—all dark shades which are not a colour so much as black overlaid with a colour—is a new "off-black." There are wine red blacks, midnight blue blacks, and green blacks, for instance. And brown blacks! Otherwise there are no pastel blacks. White is smart always.

Trimmed Glove Vogue

Detachable Cuffs In Favour Also.

CORDS AND LATTICE-WORK ON GLOVES AND DRESSES

Gloves are getting more and more trimmed. Detachable cuffs in fur or fabric are used with kid or suede. It appeared at one time that the trimmed glove would not survive another season, but it seems as if each house features a new glove to further its special dress scheme.

Cords and lattice-work are used on gloves, as well as for dresses. The revival of brightly coloured silks, lacing up the fronts of dark wool frocks is charming. A navy-wool frock, cut like a monk's cassock, has a three-cord waistband of scarlet, with a single cord lacing up the front and holding the stuff at the base of the neck. Wrist-bands of the blue are laced with the scarlet, and a tiny red coral "clip" is a fascinating touch to a navy-wool beret.

NEW SEASON DRESS ACCESSORIES.

Belts And Buttons Must Match.

Belts and buttons for day wear, must, like coloured borders to pocket handkerchiefs, form part of the dress scheme.

Braid and leather with wool or metal fastenings and studs are full of charm and colour, for belt and long neck-chain.

The general trend of dress accessories is, this season, in very good taste. The coloured cords and glass necklets and bracelets are interesting.

EVENING HATS ARE POPULAR.

Fragile Accessories Of Net And Velvet.

Evening hats are shown at all the millinery displays. Women like them for keeping newly set waves in place for dinner. Some are so attractive that they are kept indoors all evening.

These hats are generally of the fragile type—a scrap of net and feathers, or loosely joined bands of velvet which show the hair in unexpected patches.

Metal berets go well with frocks of lame, sequins, or paillettes. They are also made like an airman's cap without the side flaps.

Veil Craze Going.

Veils are now only smart when part of the actual hat-trimming. Lace and net are cleverly worked and stiffened for the veil of fashion; but the veil craze is nearly past.

Black Beauty



Herring neckline with extreme drop-shoulder décolletage features this beautiful evening frock of black satin, worn by Myrna Loy, screen star. The gown is trimmed with fitted ruffles and boasts a line of satin-covered buttons down the back. Note the neat arrangement of the hem.

A GREAT WOMAN DRESSMAKER

Elsa Schiaparelli.

NOW OPENING SALONS IN LONDON

Elsa Schiaparelli to-day is known in four continents; wherever, in fact, women are interested in fashions. Yet six years ago she had only just opened a small shop in Paris to sell jumpers, hand-knitted to her own design.

And, more interesting still, less than six years ago, she vowed that she would never make any other kind of clothes. But she soon broke that vow.

"I started selling jumpers," Miss Schiaparelli says, "because I had to earn my living. But I wanted to stop there. When I made my sports things, people begged me to design evening clothes, and so I went on—almost against my will."

Madame Schiaparelli has now gone to London to open salons there. She is totally unlike the popular conception of a famous dress designer, for she neither trails around the room in clinging robes, nor talks soulfully about her "creation." On the contrary, a pair of large, wide-awake eyes dominates her vivid, lively face; her figure is small and slender and she wears simple, even at times, severely simple frocks herself.

"I was brought up," she will tell you, "in what was practically a scientific atmosphere—most of my family are well-known in some, perhaps I am lucky in that I was born in Rome and lived so much of my life among lovely things."

Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

TIFFIN
Stewed Pigeon With Salsify
Macaroni au Gratin
Italian Salad
Thousand Island Dressing
Honey Pudding
Fudge Sauce

DINNER
Chicken Broth with Oysters
Creamed Sword Fish Timbales
Escalopes de Venison a la Polonaise
Cranberry Jelly
Chestnut Purée
Calf's Feet Braised
Potato Salad
Sponge Gingerbread, Ginger Sauce
Stewed Pigeons with Salsify

Truss 2 pigeons and put them in a saute pan with 1 oz. butter and 2 oz. minced bacon. Season with salt and pepper and cook quickly until nicely brown the pigeons. Moisten with a gill of gravy, cover the pan and cook the birds in the oven for ½ hour or till tender. Wash and scrape a bundle of salsify, cut them into 3 inch lengths, and cook them till tender in plenty of salted water containing a tablespoonful of flour. When done drain them, and reheat in a little butter, season with a little pepper and finely chopped parsley. Untruss the pigeons and cut them up into neat joints. Dress them in the centre of an entree dish, and strain over the sauce previously freed from fat. Range the salsify round the pigeon.

Italian Salad
Cut ½ lb. cold roast veal and ½ lb. boiled potatoes into small dice or slices. To this add 4 oz. pickled gherkins, 1 tablespoonful capers, and a handful of crisp lettuce leaves, season to taste, and pile in a salad bowl. Pour over some fairly stiff mayonnaise sauce, and garnish with stoned olives, slices of smoked Italian sausage and slices of lemon.

Honey Pudding
½ lb. honey, 6 oz. soft bread-crumbs, 1 small lemon, 2 eggs, ½ teaspoonful ground ginger, 1 oz. butter, 1 oz. corn-flour and 1 gill milk. Mix the honey and bread-crumbs in a basin, cook the corn-flour for 10 minutes in the milk, add it to the above, and when well mixed stir in the warmed butter, rind of ¼ lemon finely grated, ginger, yolks of 2 eggs, and beat well. Whisk the whites of eggs to a stiff froth and incorporate gently. Three parts fill a buttered mould with the mixture, and steam from 1½ to 2¼ hour. Serve hot, with a suitable sauce or syrup.

Chicken Broth with Oysters.
Chicken trimmings, 2 oz. butter, 2 quarts of good white stock, 1 oz. pearl barley, parsley, chop up the carcasses, necks, and heads of 2 or 3 chickens, fry in the butter until nicely browned, then pour off the butter and pour in 2 quarts of good clear veal or chicken stock. Simmer for one hour, skim and strain, pour into another stewpan, and let come to the boil. Wash the pearl barley, and add to the soup when boiling. Season to taste with pepper and salt, simmer for 15 minutes, add a little chopped parsley and serve.

Escalopes de Venison a la Polonaise.
Cut 8 to 10 slices ½ inch in thickness from a leg of venison, flatten each slice with a cutlet bat and trim neatly. Heat up an ounce of clarified butter in a saute pan and broil the slices under a grill until they are nicely browned on both sides. Have ready a sauce prepared in the following manner, mash 12 capers and cook them with ½ gill wine, vinegar, to this add some very strong stock, ½ pint Veloute sauce and let simmer gently for 10 to 15 minutes. Strain the sauce, season and whisk in ½ oz of fresh butter. Arrange the slices of venison in an entree dish, pour over the prepared sauce, and serve hot.

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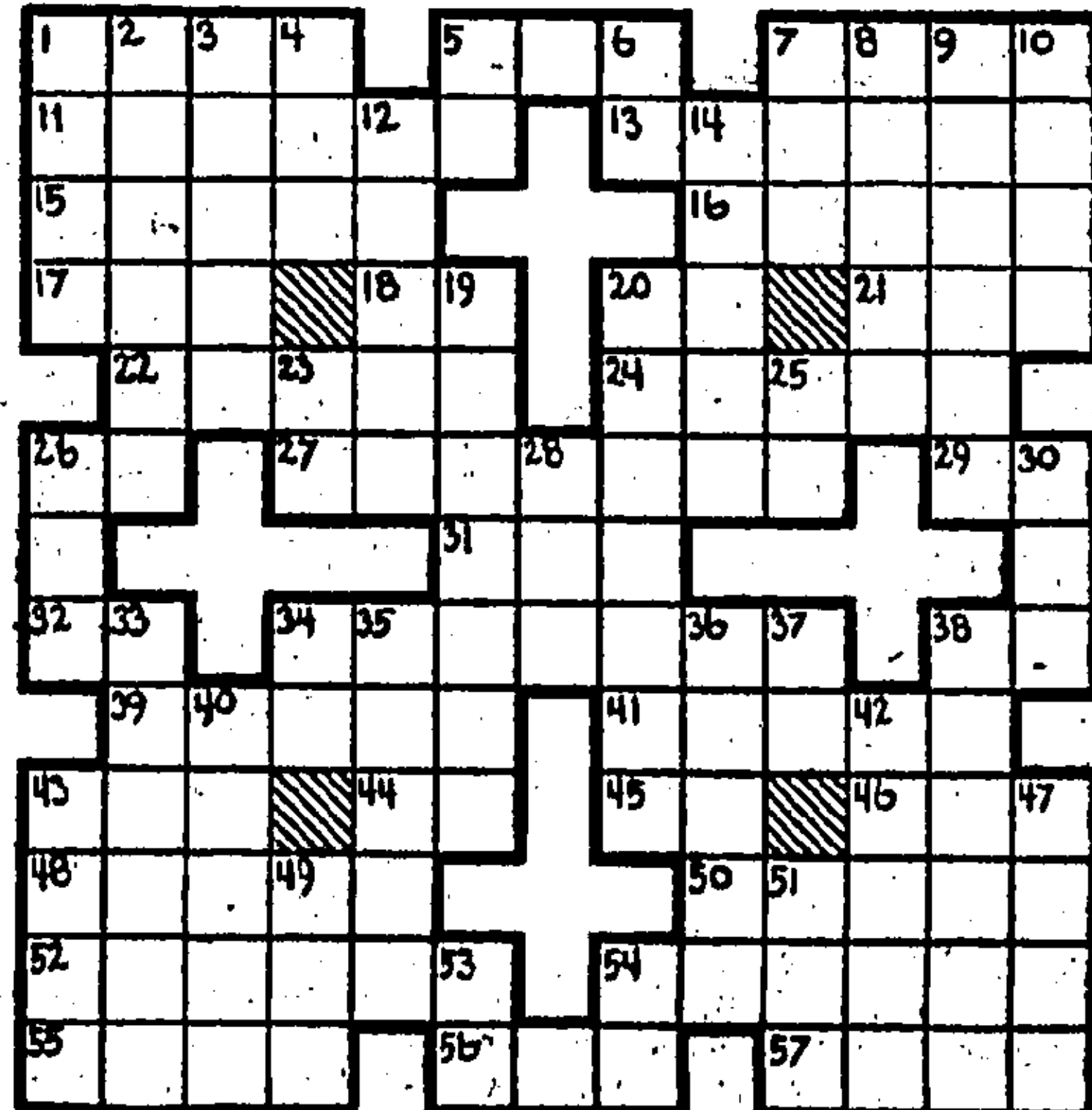
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Final | 46-A vehicle | 12-Bird homes |
| 5-Mischiefous child | 47-Red Cross (abbr.) | 14-To dress with the back |
| 7-To the sheltered side | 48-Deposit Account (abbr.) | 16-Free from disease germs |
| 11-Earnest | 49-A wing-like part | 20-Salary |
| 13-To come into view | 50-Valleys | 22-You and I |
| 15-Author of "Paul Pry" | 51-Abide | 24-Point of compass (abbr.) |
| 16-Teas | 52-Lower | 26-Part of the body |
| 17-Crime | 53-Large plant | 28-Decoy |
| 18-A continent (abbr.) | 54-A falsehood | 30-A grain |
| 20-Point of compass (abbr.) | 57-Combining form. Between | 32-Rubber |
| 21-Golf mound | | 34-Paid (abbr.) |
| 22-Small aquatic lizard (pl.) | VERTICAL | 35-Ventilated |
| 24-Course of thought (pl.) | 1-Part of the mouth (pl.) | 36-Plunder (Archaic) |
| 26-Hear by | 2-Rub oil upon | 37-Senior (abbr.) |
| 27-Drug used to contract pupil of eye | 3-Piece of rock | 38-Choose |
| 28-Very | 4-Combining form. Far | 40-Accord |
| 31-Explode | 5-Pronoun | 42-To assess |
| 32-Pronoun | 6-Father (short) | 43-Two-wheeled vehicle |
| 34-Fall lightly, as rain | 7-Imitate | 47-On this sea |
| 35-A city thoroughfare (abbr.) | 8-Slow (Mus.) | 48-Expire |
| 36-Plural of radish | 9-Those who dine | 51-A naval officer (abbr.) |
| 41-Coolness | 10-Language of Scottish Highlanders | 53-The (Ss.) |
| | | 54-Musical note |

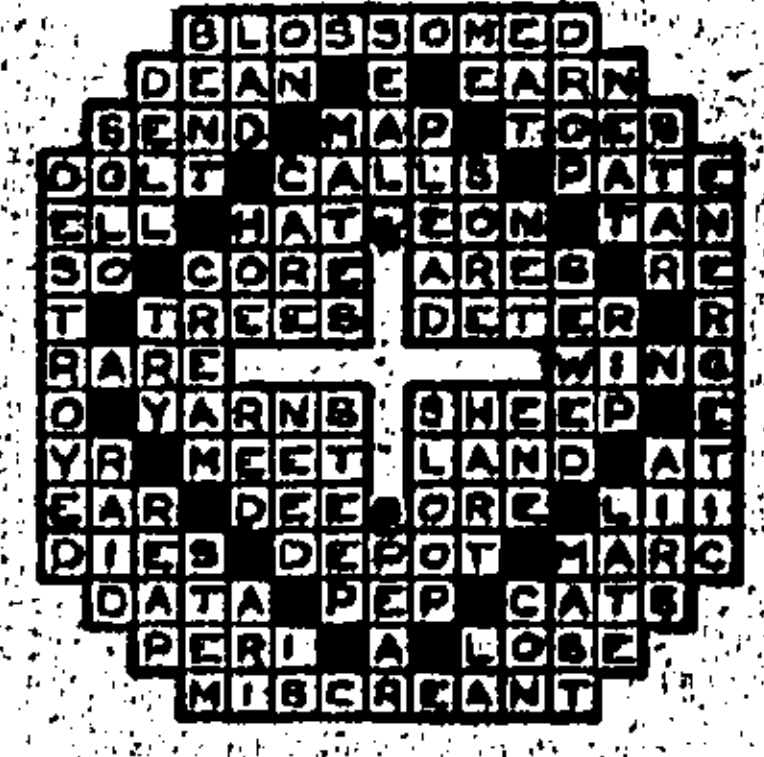
The solution of the above sets a new cross-word puzzle to appear in Monday's issue.

EMBROIDERED COATS FOR WINTER

Scarves Follow Suit.

A three-quarter length coat of navy woollen is covered with a diagonally stripe design hand-embroidered with grey, green, and light red wools. There are scarves embroidered like this in various colours.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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By J. MILLAR WATT

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COMPANY MEETINGS

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 8th February, 1934, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1933.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 31st January, 1934 to Thursday, the 8th February, 1934, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CHAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th January, 1934.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong on MONDAY, the 12th February, 1934, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1933.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 20th January to MONDAY, 12th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 23rd January, 1934.

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of February, 1934, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 2nd to FRIDAY, the 16th February, 1934, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

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CULBERTSON

CONTRACT

by Ely Culbertson.
World's Champion Player and
Greatest Card Analyst

AN UNUSUAL RESULT

Dr. C. E. Moyer of East Palestine, Ohio, seems to have an unusual facility for holding unusual hands at the Bridge table. As judge of a series of contests held by a nationally known magazine, I have had the opportunity to award several prizes to him for extraordinary hands and extraordinary results obtained on the ordinary ones. The hand below, in which Dr. Moyer sat South, resulted in an unusual contract, and had its final denouement in a rather interesting squeeze.

South, Dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH:—

S-9 5

H-K J 8 6 5

D-J 8 6

C-10 4 3

WEST:—

S-3

H-7 3

D-K Q 10 9 5 4

C-K Q J 8

SOUTH:—

S-A K Q J 10

H-A Q 4

D-A 7 3

C-A 2

EAST:—

S-8 7 6 4 2

H-10 9 2

D-2

C-9 7 6 5

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

South West North East
2 C (1) 2 D Pass Pass
8 D (2) Pass 3 H Pass
4 D (3) Pass 4 N T Pass
7 H (4) Pass Pass Pass

The following notes on the bidding, which, needless to say, did not meet with my full approval, are by Dr. Moyer:—

1-Wishing to force partner and keep the bidding as low as possible, I chose this bid instead of two spades, so he could respond with two of any other suit. The deception could do no harm here.

2-Evidently partner doesn't hold much. I'll make him say something this time.

3-He must have at least five hearts to the King to have a biddable suit. That should mean a Small Slam at no-trump. If he rebids hearts, showing more than five, I can then bid a Grand Slam.

4-It was now to be inferred that my partner held nothing showable except his hearts and that West had the balance of honour strength. Twelve tricks should be taken at either notrump or spades, with no probability of being able to squeeze out the thirteenth. With honours the same, notrump would be the choice. But how about a heart contract? The same tricks should be taken, and in addition it seemed certain that West could be squeezed between my suit honours and partner's trump for the thirteenth trick. I determined to forego the honours and the Small Slam bonus and try for the Grand Slam. This would probably give us either a top or bottom score, according to the outcome. My partner was a careful player and I was confident he would work out the squeeze if it was there.

In the play East opened the singleton diamond in response to partner's bid, the Ace in Dummy won and four rounds of trumps were played, the club 2 being discarded on the fourth round. Then followed four rounds of spades, the Declarer discarding a diamond and a club. Just before the fifth spade was led, the situation was as follows:—

NORTH:—
S—
H—8
D—J
C—10 4

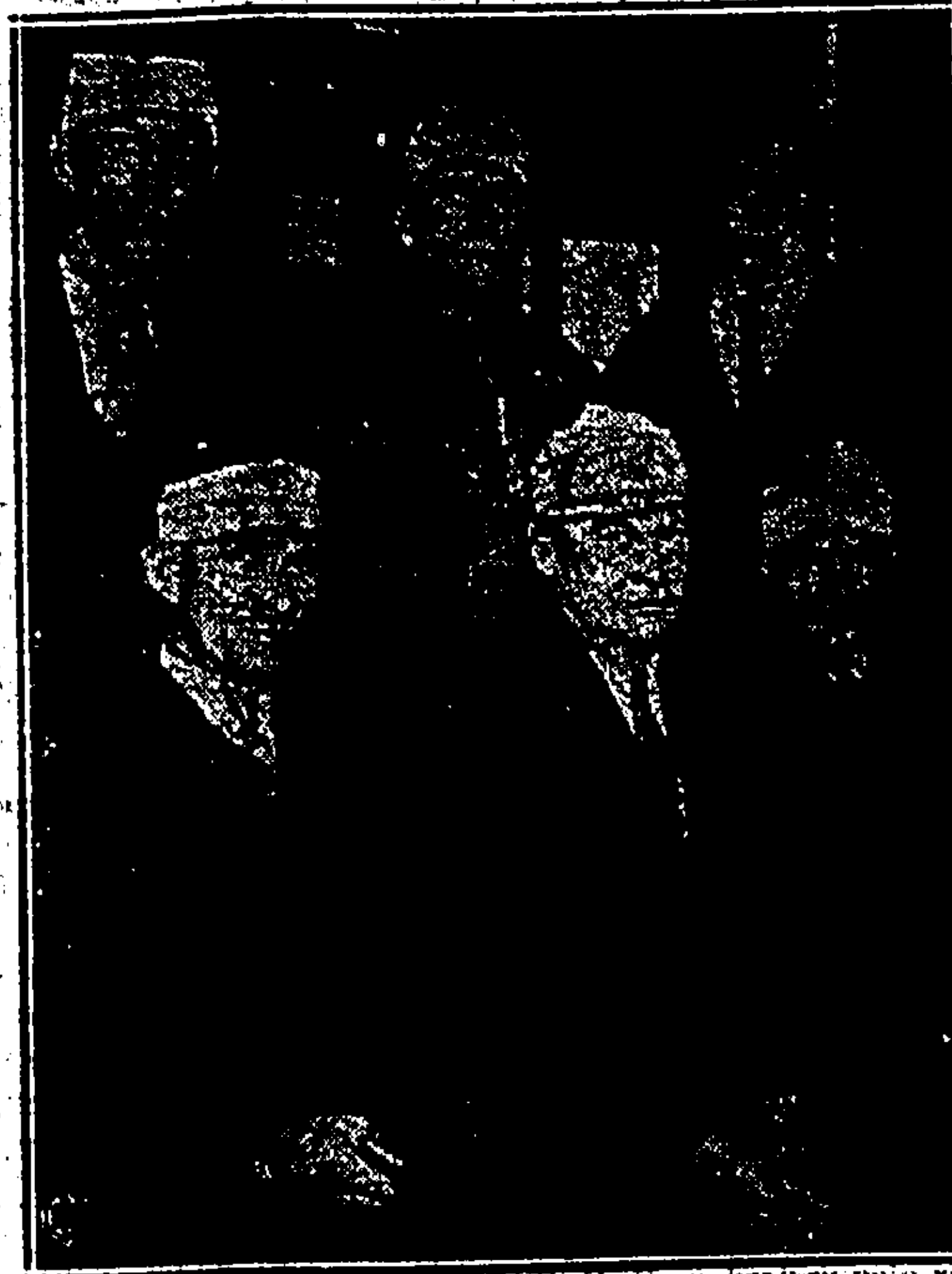
WEST:—
S—
H—
D—K Q
C—K Q

EAST:—
S—8
H—
D—
C—9 7 6

SOUTH:—
S—10
H—
D—A
C—A

It will be noted that West, at

No Sham Pain About This



Repeal liquor had nothing to do with this assortment of sore heads. The bandaged men are a few of the fifty persons who were injured when rioters, said to be Communists, attacked a Ukrainian parade that was protesting in Chicago against treatment of their folks back home by Soviet. This group was photographed in police station.

"PEKING MAN" NOT OLDEST OF MANKIND

Discovery From New Study Of Skulls.

400,000-YEAR ERROR

Washington. The "Peking Man," hitherto accepted as one of modern man's most ancient ancestor, has been promoted 400,000 years up evolution's ladder to the position of "recent grandfather."

New study of the skulls of the Peking man, found in 1927 near Peking, has promoted Dr. Ales Hrdlicka of the Smithsonian Institution to place him in the beetle-browed, chinless Neanderthal race which lived only 50,000 to 100,000 years ago.

The Peking man had been believed nearly as old as the "Pithecanthropus erectus"—"the erect ape man"—estimated to date back at least 500,000 years and found in Java by Professor Dubois in 1892.

If the Peking man was no older than the Neanderthals, it makes Java man undisputed titleholder as the oldest human ancestor so far found.

The finding of the Peking man's bones in earth layers dating back nearly 50,000 years was one reason for thinking he was very ancient. Dr. Hrdlicka says, however, that this is not positive evidence that the remains are that age, for they may have been placed in the deposits long after the deposits themselves were laid down.

Dr. Hrdlicka arrived at his conclusions from study of casts of the skull and brain cavity of the Peking man which were sent to the Smithsonian Institution from England.—Reuter.

though holding two King-Queen combinations, was perfectly helpless to avert the squeeze. He had to discard either a club or a diamond, and in either event the Declarer must take the remaining tricks and realize his contract.

TO-MORROW'S HAND

How should South bid the hand below to prevent the partnership from reaching a Slam contract?

South, Dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH:—

S-2

H-A K Q 8 7 6

D-K 10 9 8

C-Q 7

WEST:—

S-A 7 5 4 3

H-3 2

D-8 6

C-5 4 3 2

EAST:—

S—

H-J 10 9 5 4

D-7

C-A K J 10 8 5

SOUTH:—

S-K Q J 10 9 8 7 6

H—

D-A Q 8 7 6

C-5 4 3 2

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

1-215 p.m.—European programme.

1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

1-3 p.m.—Recorded music.

1-15 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room.

2-15 p.m.—Close Down.

A talk from the studio to-night.

Relay of Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.

4-7-30 p.m.—Chinese recorded programme.

7-30-11-30 p.m.—European programme.

7-30-9 p.m.—Recorded music.

Band—

The Mill on the Rock—Overture (Reisiger, arr. Winterbottom)

The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

Vocal—

Song Carnival of 1932 Stars.

Song Debroy Somers Band, etc., etc.

Orchestral—

Old Friends—Potpourri (arr. Finck)

Tom Jones & His Orchestra.

Violin Solo—

Caprice Viennois (Krieger)

Humoresque (Dvorak-Kreisler)

Fritz Kreisler.

Band—

Iring Berlin Waltz Songs—Medley (Berlin)

Debroy Somers Band.

Songs—

Six Australian Bush Songs

Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone)

Octet—

Putting the Clock Back (arr. Squire)

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

Vocal Quartet—

Form Fours—War Songs Medley (arr. Giraud)

The Big Four.

Band—

Aldershot Command Searchlight

Tattoo Carmen-Selection (Bisset)

Massed Bands of the Aldershot

Command conducted by Band-

master C. B. Hewitt.

Song—

Neapolitan Love Song

(Blossom-Harbert)

In my Garden (O' Keefe-Firestone)

Richard Crooks (Tenor)

Orchestral—

A Night at the Hungaria

(arr. Colombo)

Colombo and the Tzigane Orch.

9-9-55 p.m.—From the Studio.

A talk on "Safety First" by the Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Automobile Association.

10-11-30 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room.

11-30 p.m.—Baggy Mid-day Press News.

11-30 p.m.—Close Down.

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CINEMA NOTES

MAIL REVIEW

"I WAS A SPY"—KING'S THEATRE

Tense and human drama of war at its worst are told in the story "I Was a Spy", the Gaumont British picture, now showing at the King's Theatre.

Madeleine Carroll, as Martha, a Belgian nurse in the Great War, accepts the call of patriotism and spies on the Germans. She works hand-in-hand with Stephen (Herbert Marshall), a hospital orderly, and they are successful in dealing a heavy blow to the enemy when they destroy a dump of cylinders containing poison gas.

The supporting cast is a very strong one including Conrad Veidt, the popular Continental actor, as the German Commandant, with Gerald du Maurier, Edmund Gwenn, two great British favourites on stage and screen.

MAIL REVIEW

"TIGER SHARK"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

Thrilling battles with man eating sharks and a stirring drama of the sea are provided in the First National picture, "Tiger Shark", now showing at the Queen's Theatre.

Edward G. Robinson, the great character actor of "Five Star Final", gives a clever characterization as a ill-tempered Portuguese skipper who has been mangled by a shark while he saved the life of his best friend, Richard Arlen. He becomes enraged, however, when he finds that his friend has come between him and his wife (Zita Johann) and in a fight throws Arlen overboard to the sharks.

Thrilling "shoots" of sharks in violent battle for their human prey make the picture one to be remembered.

MAIL REVIEW

"THE SILVER CORD"—CENTRAL THEATRE

Shall the love of a woman for her wife be stronger than

Sporting Page

LINCOLNS OUT TO Avenge SHIELD DEFEAT AGAINST CLUB

Deitz To Ride Over The Sticks

Miss Lois Fearon A Likely Winner.

SECOND SUCCESSIVE WIN FOR WISDOM STAG AND TOM COBLEY PREDICTED

THE Fanling, Hunt and Race Club are holding their first Meeting in 1934 at Kwai Tung tomorrow when five events, which include a ladies' flat race, will be on the card. The first saddling bell will be at 2 p.m.

The United Services' Hurdle race over 1 1/4 miles should witness a close finish between Mr. J. W. Morris' Celerity and Mr. J. C. Richardson's Zephyr with The Quail, Gallant Fox, and Domurru making a good race of it.

Celerity was placed third in the St. John's Cup at the last Meeting with Mr. Gregory up, while Zephyr was placed second in the Tally Ho Hurdle Race with his owner in the saddle.

Marquis Ha's Chance
Mr. "Bill" Stanton's Marquis Ha "brought home the bacon" in the Tai Po Steeplechase at the last meeting, and, with his popular owner up, he should repeat his success over Mr. Johnny Hope's Duke of Milan in the Sha Tau Kok Steeplechase over 1 1/2 miles. Although he is up 5 lb. he should be able to do it, though White Stars may cause a surprise in the placeings against Burgmaster.

Mr. Norman Deitz will be taking out Miss Fearon's Festival Eve in the Sheung Shui Hurdle Race over 1 1/4 miles, but his chances are not bright on a very moody pony who will probably find the distance too far for him. The Gadwall, Wisdom Stag and Donnellabella are all likely candidates with Christmas Belle offering a stern challenge.

Ladies' Flat Race
The Diana Cup, the only flat race on the programme, has attracted the leading lady riders and Miss Lois Fearon appears to have a very good thing in Fearon's No Fear. Miss Pamela Scott-Harston is likely to take Glen Shee to the post.

Mr. A. F. Jenkins' Tom Cobley, winner of the St. John's Cup, is expected, despite his penalty of 7 lb., to win the January Country Cup, though Winchester Stag and Red Leaven will give him a stern task, to say nothing of Pat and Mouche, two dangerous outsiders.

ENCOUNTER FOR RUNNERS-UP POSITION

Saints Favoured To Beat Recreio "A"

EXPERIMENTAL "Y" ELEVEN

(BY STICKS)

ALTHOUGH defeated for the first time this season by the Hong Kong Ladies, the St. Andrew's Ladies are favoured to retain their position as runners-up in the Caer Clark Cup Competition when they meet the Recreio "A" Ladies, their strongest challengers for the position, this afternoon in Kowloon.

Both teams are playing at full strength, and the encounter should prove the most interesting of the fixture card for this afternoon.

The Hong Kong Ladies, unbeaten champions, are expected to secure their fifth victory in as many matches, when they meet a very weakened "Y" Ladies' eleven. The "Y" have made some surprising changes in their line-up.

The Central British Association Ladies will meet the Recreio Ladies' junior eleven and are expected to secure their second victory in six games.

The following are the teams and fixtures for to-day:

SURPRISE HOCKEY SELECTION

WONG & HALFORD ARE PASSED OVER

BLACKBURN'S BRILLIANCE GOES UNREWARDED

(BY STICKS)

CONSIDERABLE surprise has been occasioned in local hockey circles by the selection of Pte. Hollingsworth, in goal, and Lt. Sinclair, centre half, in the Colony team to meet Macao during the Chinese New Year holidays. On their play yesterday R. H. Wong and C. Halford, respectively, were certain choices for the positions. Blackburn's play at full-back yesterday was of a much higher standard than that of the slower but more experienced Rodger.

In spite of the fact that Macao have recorded nine triumphs over local teams in as many games this season, they are not expected to figure prominently against the combined strength of the Colony. It is the general opinion that any of the teams which figured in the trials would be sufficiently strong to beat them on a local ground.

PLAY was of a very poor standard in yesterday's final trial on the Club ground, King's Park, the players failing to show the enthusiasm which featured the first two trials.

N. A. E. Mackay scored the opening goal for the Possibles and Awtar Singh added another before half-time. Gurbachan Singh replied for the Probables soon after the restart and Lt. Garthwaite scored the equaliser. Kalwant Singh, however, put the Possibles again in the lead only for Gurbachan Singh to score twice to give the Probables the victory.

Although four shots beat him Wong gave a faultless display between the sticks, the four goals scored being of an untoppable nature. Hollingsworth made the mistake of leaving his goal and diving at the feet of the opposing forward, who had only to flick the ball past him into an untenanted goal. Blackburn, especially, and Rodriques were the two best full-backs, both displaying speed of recovery and accurate hitting abilities. Rodger was slow on his feet, and Mohamed was erratic.

Halford gave a magnificent display at centre-half where he completely overshadowed Sinclair, his opposite number. The Reed brothers played with their usual brilliance, and Gon-

salves had Archer well in hand throughout. N. Whitley, however, had a stupendous task checking Donald, but he did very well.

Gurbachan Singh was undoubtedly the best forward on the field. He received good support from Bartlett and Garthwaite, though the latter was inclined to be erratic in the opening half when he missed two good opportunities. Mackay was starved on the wing, and would have been seen to much better advantage had he been given an inside position. Archer was too closely watched by Gonsalves to impress.

The combination of Awtar Singh, T. Whitley and Kalwant Singh proved very effective. Whitley made several good solo efforts, while Awtar Singh again proved his worth as a sharpshooter in the deo. Donald felt the absence of Eaden as his inside partner, but he gave a rousing display. Lal Singh was very much below form on the other wing, many of his passes being most uncertain.

The following were the teams:— Probables: Hollingsworth (Lincoln), Rodriques (University), S. T. Mohan (Punjab), W. A. Reed (H. K. Club), Halford (C. B. A.), E. V. Reed (H. K. Club), L. Donald (Medway), L. Bartlett (Medway), Gurbachan Singh (Radio), L. Garthwaite (R.A.), S. E. Archer (H.K. Club). Possibles: R. H. Wong (St. Andrew's), Blackburn (Police), J. Rodger (H. K. Club), A. Gonsalves (Recreio), L. Sinclair (Medway), N. Whitley (C. B. A.), N. A. E. Mackay (St. Andrew's), T. Whitley (C.B.A.), Awtar Singh (Radio), Kalwant Singh (Radio), and Lal Singh (Punjab).

The following is the programme for the Interport:—

Selected XI v. Combined Services—Monday.
Selected XI v. Rest—Sunday, February 11.
February 11: Hong Kong v. Macao. Interport Dinner at China Emporium at 8 p.m. Informal.
February 12: United Services v. Macao.

The Rest will be represented by the following:— R. H. Wong (St. Andrew's), Blackburn (Police), and T. Whitley (C.B.A.). J. Gonsalves (Recreio), C. Halford (C.B.A.), and H. J. D. Lowe (Club). N. A. E. Mackay (St. Andrew's), Kalwant Singh (Radio), Awtar Singh (Radio), Leonard Bartlett (H.M.S. Medway), and T. S. D. Whitley (C.B.A.).

COLONY TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the Colony against Macao during the Chinese New Year:

Pte. Hollingsworth (Lincoln)

A. M. Rodriques (University)

J. Rodger (H. K. Club) (captain)

W. Reed (H. K. Club)

Lt. Sinclair (H.M.S. Medway)

E. V. Reed (H. K. Club)

Lt. Donald (H.M.S. Medway)

Lt. Eaden (H.M.S. Medway)

Gurbachan Singh (Radio)

Lt. Garthwaite (R.A.)

Lal Singh (Punjab)

Reserves:—R. H. Wong (St. Andrew's), Blackburn (Police)

(back), H. J. D. Lowe (Club) (half), and Kalwant Singh (Radio) forward.

BILLIARDS

WILLIE SMITH'S EXHIBITION

Demonstration Of Finer Points.

LEUNG'S PLUCKY DISPLAY

(By SPOT BALL)

Mr. Willie Smith gave an interesting lesson to amateur billiards players of Hong Kong when he gave his first exhibition in the Colony at the South China Athletic Association last night.

He showed his audience the simplicity with which "side," "drag," and "screw" can be imparted to a cue ball, the ease with which a ball may be potted from any position within a cue length of the pocket, and often more, and the importance of the cannon in positional play.

In his exhibition match last night, Mr. Smith was opposed to Mr. Leung Pun-shun, the South China Athletic Association's champion. Leung was conceded 500 start in a game of 1,000 up, and lost by 167 points.

It took Smith some time to settle down, as the pockets were a quarter of an inch too narrow, and the table was far from perfect. Considerable annoyance was caused by quite a number of late-comers who persisted in getting to their seats during play.

Commences With 50 Break
In spite of these interruptions, however, he commenced play with a 50 break, exploiting the all-round cannon to advantage, and later introducing "drag" off the cushions and close cannon play.

After the first quarter of an hour Smith settled down and recorded some useful compilations as a glance at the following list of his principal contributions to the score will show: eloquently enough—50, 100, 212, 38, 76, 59, 52, 36, 35 and 157 with which he ran out winner.

Mr. Leung played a steady game, but his opponent's high breaks had a telling effect on him and he missed many good openings. His best figures were 30, 26, 28 and a 45 scored mostly off the red ball.

After the billiards a single frame of straight snooker was played between Mr. Smith and Mr. Lam Cho-chai, Smith winning by 89 to 51, after conceding 30 points and making a break of 25.

He concluded the exhibition with a display of fancy shots which defy description. Leung played against Claude Faulkner during that player's visit in 1929 and lost by 800 points to 345, which was quite the best display given by any of the four local players against the celebrated visitor.

China Mail Sports Diary

T O D A Y

Cricket—First Division— Craigenower v Army (1).
Second Division— Royal Navy v Club de Recreio (1).
Police v Kowloon C. C. (1).
Football—First Division— South China v Club de Recreio Club v Lincoln.
Police v Royal Artillery.
Kowloon v St. Joseph's.
Second Division— Chinese Athletic v Navy.
Young Indians v Royal Artillery.
Lincoln v Kowloon.
Third Division— University v South China.
Royal Engineers v Borderers.
Royal Air Force v Club de Recreio.
R.A.M.C. v R.A.S.C.
Hockey—Macao Tournament— German Club v Police.
Caer Clark Cup— St. Andrew's v Club de Recreio "A".
Hong Kong Ladies v Y.M.C.A. (2.45 p.m.).
C.B.A. v Recreio "B" (3 p.m.).
Friendly Match— H.K.S.R.A. v Punjabis (4.30 p.m.).
Club v Navy (Happy Valley, 4 p.m.).
Yachting— Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's First Corinthian Race for racing yachts.

ALMOST FULL TEAM ON VIEW

RAILTON TO PLAY IN BOTH SHIELDS

SOUTH CHINA SHOULD WIN

(By OUTSIDE LEFT)

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ASH, WHO IS STILL ON THE INJURED LIST, AND HEATH, WHOSE SUSPENSION HAS NOT YET BEEN RAISED, THE LINCOLNS WILL BE PRACTICALLY AT FULL STRENGTH TO-DAY FOR THEIR FIRST DIVISION ENCOUNTER AGAINST THE CLUB ON THE LATTER'S GROUND.

THE LINCOLNS MUST WIN TO-DAY'S GAME TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR PRESENT POSITION AT THE TOP OF THE LEAGUE BUT SHOULD THE CLUB REPEAT LAST WEEK'S SHIELD TRIUMPH IT MEANS THAT THE LINCOLNS WILL HAVE LOST ALL HOPES OF SNATCHING THE CUP.

Hynes, who was unable to partner Strange last week in the Senior Shield, will play this afternoon, while Manning Raiton, who deputised for Hynes, will return to the junior eleven in their replay against the Borderers in the Junior Shield.

I understand Raiton had a legitimate claim for reverting to the Junior eleven after playing in the Club's Senior Shield team.

Baldry and McGuinness, the Lincoln's right wing combination, will want watching, and if F. Fowler, the Club's right winger reproduces the excellent form he showed in the second half last week, the Interport combination of the Hocquard and Ridley will not be very much in the limelight.

The match marks the last League appearance of Cork, the Lincoln's centre-half and Interport half-back, in Hong Kong. He will proceed to England after the Interport at Shanghai, leaving the northern city two days earlier than the Interporters by the troopship Neutralla.

St. Joseph's have improved tremendously since their first encounter with Kowloon, but so have the latter, and to-day's First Division clash at Kowloon will probably be a repetition of their first encounter when the Saints won by an only goal.

Gosano As Pivot
The Saints have made several positional changes, A. V. Gosano playing in his third different position this season—at centre half, while Gomes, the left back returns to the team after three weeks' rest.

Beltrao will again lead the same forward line in the absence of Leonard. Kowloon have introduced two "old-timers" in McKelvie, their former skipper and Interport half back, and Pope, who played for them two years ago.

McKelvie should prove a valuable acquisition with his knowledge of the game, but I think he will be too slow for the speedy St. Joseph's defence. He is not a forward in the first instance.

Pope should not have a difficult job in holding Beltrao, as the latter is slow on his feet, although a deadly shot when within range. What will undoubtedly draw one of the biggest crowds of the day will be the Second Round, Senior Shield encounter between South China the holders, and the Royal Navy.

South China, who are also the League champions, are fielding one of their strongest elevens this season, and with the exception of Tay Quee-ling and Lee Kwok-wai, are the same team which secured

R.A.F. BEAT CORFU AT SOCCER

Gregory Scores Twice

Goals by Gregory (2), Damerella, and Talk enabled the Royal Air Force Third Division team to beat the S.A. Corfu eleven by 4 goals to 3 in the R.F.C. ground yesterday afternoon.



ARMY SHOULD WIN

Craigenower's Hard Task

RECREIO AND K.C.C. SHOULD WIN IN JUNIOR LEAGUE

THE Army, who are a better balanced side than Craigenower, should record their first win in four matches in the premier cricket league match at the Valley to-day.

The Craigenower bowling was treated with scant respect at Pokfulam last Saturday, and should Capt. Williams and Lt. Garthwaite be allowed to become set the Valley Club will face a big total, and they have not the batting strength to force a draw.

The match will probably provide yet another case of both captain's desiring to send the other team in to bat.

The Army, who have brought Lt. Stocker into the side in place of Pte. Dewey, have three draws to their credit, while Craigenower have two defeats and two draws to account for their four games.

The Recreio may meet with resistance from the Navy in the junior league, but they have the talent to win, while the K.C.C. Juniors should beat the Police in the only other League game down for decision.

The following are the selected teams:

Army— The following is the Army side:— Capt. P. V. Williams (R.A.), Capt. D. B. Michell (R.A.), Lt. C. C. Garthwaite (R.A.), Lt. R. J. Walker (R.E.), Lt. A. J. Stocker (S.W.B.), Lt. D. B. Butler (H.Q.), Lt. J. T. Williams (E. Lance), C. S. M. J. Elwin (E. Lance), Col. E. Ballard (R.A.S.C.), Col. W. H. College (R.A.M.C.), and Pte. W. T. Whitley (R.A.S.C.). Reserve—Sgt. E. T. Taylor (R.A.P.C.).

K. C. C. 2nd XI— F. E. Lawrence, H. Overy, F. S. W. Smith, A. N. Oher, S. Jex, G. Lee, F. Dunnett, G. A. V. Hall, W. Hyde, G. A. White and W. H. C. C.

The following will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club against the Civil Service in a friendly cricket encounter at Kowloon:—

C. Goodwin, E. C. Fischer, E. F. Fincher, A. T. Lay, G. C. Burnett, N. A. E. Mackay, G. L. Stapleton, W. C. Hung, F. A. Mann, S. V. Gittens and W. L. McNamee.

CRAGG SCORES HIS SECOND CENTURY.

Reaches Three Figures Against R.A.M.C.

ALSO TAKES 5 FOR 26

By scoring 100 against the R.A.M.C. yesterday at Seokmoo 2/Lt. W. J. R. Cragg of the Lincoln's new shares with T. A. Pearce, the Hong Kong Cricket Club all-rounder, the distinction of having scored two centuries this season.

Cragg carried his bat for 122 a month ago against the Royal Artillery, while Pearce scored his centuries against the Navy and the Civil Service.

Cragg was also successful with the ball yesterday, capturing 5 wickets for 26, the best bowling feat of the match, but he was unable to prevent the Medicals from forcing a draw.

The scores were:— Lincoln's 193 for 5 dec. (2nd/Lt. Cragg 100, 2/Lt. Muspratt-Williams 45 fte. Laid 2 for 22). Medicals 123 for 7 (Major Bonavia 40, Cpl. Millington 36 not out, 2nd/Lt. Cragg 5 for 26).

JUNIOR SHIELD
Club—Farrow, Law and Raiton; McKeller, Boyd and Gamble; Fisher, Watson, Duncan, Hill, and Shum. Reserve—Tavlan and Dunhill. Borderers—Williams, Herbert and Dickson; Williams, Court and Roberts; Johns, Peltier, Morris, Marshall and Barrick.

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CRAWFORD TO MEET PERRY IN THE FINAL

Australian Tennis
Championships.

HYPNOTISM ON THE
RUGBY FIELD

Oxford's Boat Race Chances

(By ROVER)

THE epic struggle in the Final Round of the American National Lawn Tennis Championship between Fred Perry and Jack Crawford is to be enacted in Sydney to-day when the two clash in the Final of the Australian Championships.

In the American Final Perry robbed Crawford of the opportunity of securing the four major titles in the world in the same year and thus setting a new record.

A recent county match at Blackheath provided a curious instance of hypnotism on the Rugby field. There was a kick at goal from under the posts. The Hampshire player placed the ball before the Rev. V. J. Pike was ready to kick it, and the Sussex team began to rush. Pike stood quite still and watched them.

E. W. Swanton was reminded of the extraordinary incident at Twickenham in the England and Wales match of 1931, when W. C. Powell was allowed by the English team to place the ball very calmly from a mark and kick a goal.

It is how what little knowledge of the laws the average player possesses leave him altogether on such occasions as these.

Oxford have been doing remarkably well in their Boat Race practices lately; so much so that I venture to predict, on the strength of their improvement even at this stage, at least a hard struggle, if not actually a loss for Cambridge, next March. When the Trial Eight were rowed at Henley at the end of November the crews—which included five out of last season's boat—both did better than have any Oxford trial boats for some years past. The result was, from the point of view of the president of the University Boat Club, ideal—that is, a dead heat.

There is an impression that Nieuwenhuys, the clever South African outsider now playing for Liverpool, is ineligible to represent England in an international.

The position is: If Nieuwenhuys were born in the Cape Province his parents have been British subjects for more than a century. If born in the Free State or Transvaal his parents became "British subjects by conquest" in 1900, and he himself, if born after that date, is a British subject by birth.

R. K. Davies, the Oxford Blue, in winning the putting the weight event at the Western Australian championships, broke the State record with a putt of 38ft 1½in—15ins better than the previous best.

T. N. Pearce will again captain Essex in the county cricket championship. This is good news for the county, as Pearce had earlier stated that he would not be able to lead the team owing to business claims.

Dennis Wilcox, the former Cambridge captain, will take over the captaincy from Pearce in August, as he did last year.

The election of H. D. B. Lorraine, a Scot, to the captaincy of the Oxford University Rugby team in the absence of the injured J. B. Bowers, meant that an interval of eight years at least must pass without an Englishman holding the office.

G. E. Abell was the last English captain in 1926. Since then there have been two Scotsmen, D. F. Landale and E. G. Taylor, two South Africans, T. W. Gubb and S. J. Hoffmeyer, a Welshman in W. Roberts, and an Australian, N. K. Lampert.

To follow Lorraine is K. L. T. Jackson, the secretary and captain-elect, who is also a Scot. He is the former Shanghai boy.

Huddersfield supplied England with another international in Willingham, who secured his first cap against France.

Since the war, the club has provided a player for every position in national team. With six over. Here is the list: Taylor; Goodall, Wadsworth; Willingham; Wilcox, Campbell; Jackson, Brown, Cook (J. G.), Stephenson, Smith.

With the exception of Alex Jackson, all played for England. The six extra men are: Bullock, Young, and Kelly (England); Steele (Scotland); Lewis (Wales); and Cumming (Ireland).

In the "Annals of the Corinthian" it is recorded that on one tour the amateurs found that one of their opponents was wearing a red wig, held firmly in place by an elastic chin strap. Two of the Corinthian forwards bet which should be the first to displace it. And they took their stake-money on the field with them.

Waiting game with the wig, bravely in place. Then, in a goal-mouth scramble, four men were in a heap. Red wig was underneath them all. Finally the crowd saw a Corinthian wriggle his way out of the mass with a five-shilling piece in one hand—and the wig in the other.

RESULTS OF YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

JAN, ROLLA, AILSA AND
ZEPHYR WINNERS

CAPT. KROGH MOE'S "DOUBLE"

(BY CAPTAIN CUTTLE).

THE racing yachts Championship Series of seven races is now concluded. A series of five Corinthian races will follow.

The Championship results are as follows:—

"A" Class

Yacht	Points
Jan (Capt. Krogh Moe)	74
True Blue (H. S. Rouse)	66
La Linda (A. L. Shields)	60
Fury (E. Cock)	60
Wasps (Major Thoyts)	58
Pat (Commodore Elliott)	55
Artemis (G. G. Wood)	55
Joss (K. Larsen)	54
Gull (B. Naess)	41
Oslo (M. Bergaust)	32
Cicada (Major Atkinson)	29
Carpenter (R.H.K.Y.C.)	28
Isobel (Cdr. Cowland)	26

Capt. Krogh Moe won the Championship last year, and it is evidently becoming a habit.

Mr. H. S. Rouse, the runner-up, did not do so well early in the season, but latterly has been going great guns.

"H. Class"

Yacht	Points
Rolla (R. Stock)	35
Diana (T. Ramus)	32
Collen	29
(Cdr. Drummond)	
(Col. Marsden)	
Dorothea—Messrs. Coote and Phillips	20
Siskin—Messrs. Wood & Brown	14

By the Sixth race Rolla had already picked up sufficient points to make the result a certainty. During the Seventh race therefore Rolla was sailed comfortably round the course to come in fifth, while tea was served on board.

The "H" Class handicaps have now been revised by the Committee.

The handicaps of the first and second championship boats remain unchanged, but the rest receive an increase.

"T" & "Y" Class

Yacht	Points
Ailsa (Lt. Williams)	39
Daphne	37
(Lt. Richards, R.N.)	
(Lt. Enmanued R.N.)	
(Lt. Juniper, R.N.)	

Robena (Capt. Marshall) ... 34
Bluejacket (Capt. Ingle) ... 31
Wings (M. Cord' Homme) ... 27
Speedwell (Major Stewart) ... 21
Stella (J. G. Pilcher) ... 16

Lieut. Williams of the Lincoln wins with Daphne now owned by a syndicate of naval officers in second place. The honours in this class go to the "T" boat: the best "Y" boat gaining a third only.

The protest in the 6th Championship by Speedwell against Ailsa put the latter out of the race under Rule 20 "a yacht recalled and returning must keep out of the way of all other yachts." Thus it was touch and go whether Ailsa would be able to make up the points lost by this disqualification and beat Daphne in the final race.

"G" Class

Yacht	Points
Zephyr (Major Grellier)	48
Joan (F. Cope)	39
Lola (Lt. Parker)	32
Toyette (Capt. Fawcett)	29
Sirius Messrs. Finlay & Innes	28
Eunice (E. S. O. Dunlop)	20
King Fisher (Col. Bilderbeck)	11

Major Grellier and Mr. Cope are first and second in this class the same as last year in spite of drastic handicap.

Zephyr will now be promoted to the "Y" class.

RECALL NUMBERS IN DEMAND

In the 5th Cruiser Championship race last Sunday a great many boats crossed the starting line too early and had to be recalled. So many were at fault that there were not sufficient recall numbers available at the Club and Brenda's number could not be exhibited.

In these circumstances Brenda's owner had no knowledge of the recall and called on...

60 MILE CRUISER RACE

There is some criticism of the proposed sixty-mile race for cruisers to Single Island and back on February 14 and 15, and the Sailing Committee are asking for owner's views.

Single Island is some 25 miles up the coast, north of Mirs and Bias Bay, and the course is likely to give a hard windward punch against the N. E. monsoon with a run back in considerable sea.

I think that a yacht could quite well dodge up the coast, taking advantage of the shelter given by various bays and islands if it was felt that this was preferable to making long tacks off the land. The difficulty of identifying the island on a moonless night is to me the most formidable difficulty of the course, but this could be obviated by so arranging the starting time that Single Island would be made in daylight.

ARMY & CLUB TO-MORROW

The teams for the match Army versus Yacht Club to be sailed to-morrow are as follows.

Army—Lt. Col. Marsden, Capt. Bolt, Major Stewart, Lt. Ramus, Major Grellier, Capt. Marshall, Lt. Williams, Captain Duchesne, Major Atkinson, Major Booty, Major Lochner, Major Moutrey, Capt. Ingle, Capt. Fowkes, Lt. Rollier & Major Wren.
Club—A. H. Chambers, J. Stanton, M. Bergaust, S. Odland, L. J. Davis, H. S. Rouse, C. C. Blake, F. S. Coote, H. Dreyer, J. Krogh Moe, G. H. Gandy, Commodore Elliott, Commander Cowland, Commander Drummond, Lt. Juniper, R.N. and A. N. Other.
Six "A" Class yachts two "B"s and two "Y"s will be available for this match.

GOLF NOTES

By "Hook & Slice."

JANUARY and February may well be called Competition months as the Stubbs' Shield, the G. M. Young Cup, the Captain's Cup and the "Boys' Championship" all draw to the concluding stages. The P.W.D. will take a lot of beating in the Stubbs' Shield, and Dodelwell's in the G. M. Young Cup, but it is early yet to predict with any degree of safety the winners of the latter two competitions.

That Amateur Status

AT Home, the winter is mainly occupied with good resolutions, club dinners with pretty speeches—but this year the R & A have given brisk topics for freer conversation with the institution of the new rules and the improved definition of the professional and amateur players. I pointedly say improved definition of an amateur, for, while clearing away a little of the surrounding obscurity, it still leaves the fundamental point undisturbed in its ambiguity. It may make the vexed question of golf ball travellers a little clearer, but what of the thousands of players such as insurance salesmen, stock brokers, commercial travellers (not necessarily in Sports goods) whose income is more or less directly dependent on their "ability" at the game. Why should a golf ball traveller be a professional golfer any more than they?

The Ridiculous Position

WITHIN recent years the American, George Von Elm, did a lot to bring the position in America to a head by declaring himself to be not a professional, but a "business man golfer," and he further maintained that his future income would be derived from his progress on the course. At that time he stated he knew of only two "pukka" amateur players in the States. Two instances suffice to show how ridiculous the position was, and is. There is a story of the amateur who was invited to take part in a big exhibition game and accepted himself on the plea that "he had to sell a so many thousand dollars worth of



FOOTBALL

(Continued from Page 4.)

Thomas is undoubtedly one of the Navy's best pivots, while West and Langmead have played a large part in their victories to date.

Langmead Very Doubtful
I was told on Wednesday last that Langmead was still on the injured list but that he might possibly play to-day, but I have my doubts.

West is almost certain to play to-day, while Thomas will make a re-appearance as centre half. The rest of the team has not yet been finally selected, but it will certainly be a strong one, although South China are almost assured of entering the Semi-final Round.

To-morrow in the First Division the Recreio meet the Athletic on the K.F.C. ground, but I doubt whether they will be able to hold them. The Borderers, who have made a dramatic comeback, are expected to defeat the East Lanes at Sookunpoo in the other premier league game.

Club Make One Change

For their Junior Shield Replay to-day against the Borderers the Club have been strengthened by the inclusion of Manning Railton, who replaces R. Goldman at right-back.

In the last encounter last Saturday the Club took the lead through a penalty, but the Borderers equalised four minutes from time in spite of a stout resistance by the Club backs.

To-day with Manning Railton in the defence it is quite on the cards that the Club will enter the semi-finals, though it would be a surprise result.

CLUB'S ONE CHANGE IN XV FOR TO-DAY

Stewart In the Pack
Against Navy.

TWO GAMES AT SOOKUNPOO

THE CLUB have made only one change in the fifteen which beat the Army in the Triangular Tournament for to-day's friendly encounter against the Navy at Sookunpoo. G. A. Stewart replacing S. H. Garrod in the pack.

Stewart will be seen in the front row, while Bradford will partner Cumming in the second row.

The following is the team:
I. P. Whitham, J. J. Ferguson, W. H. B. Riggs, R. H. Griffiths and G. P. Lammer; M. W. Turner and H. C. Meekes; G. A. Stewart, R. G. Castleton, E. F. Walden, I. H. Bradford, D. A. Cumming, D. McEllan, G. C. Mcutrie and W. E. Peers.

"A" Fifteen Clash

The following will represent the Club "A" fifteen against the Navy "A" at 2.45 p.m. at Sookunpoo to-day:

K. Noble; R. Goldman, B. C. Allan, R. J. King and A. H. Harbord; A. J. Jenkins and J. Hutchings; S. H. Garrod, F. E. Burch, W. E. Andrews, J. Edkins, Austin, D. Wheeler and E. I. Stillard.

Captain Gottwald of S.W.B. will referee the premier game and Comdr. Cowley-Thomas, R.N. the "A" fifteen match.

Particular attention is drawn to the fact that both rugby games will be played at Sookunpoo, and not on the Club ground as published in the fixture cards.

Scotland's Leading
Players on View

FINAL TRIAL AT MURRAYFIELD

In the final Scottish International Trial Match at Murrayfield, on Jan. 18th (in which Scotland defeated the Rest 12-3) the selected teams were:

Scotland:—D. I. Brown (London Scottish); J. Forrest (Glasgow Academicals); R. C. S. Dick (Cambridge University); H. Lind (Dunfermline); and E. G. Fyfe (Cambridge University); K. L. Jackson (Oxford University); and W. R. Logan (Edinburgh Wanderers); J. Beattie (Hawick); W. A. Burnett (West of Scotland); J. B. Lambie (Glasgow High School); R. O. Murray (Cambridge University); M. S. Stewart (Stewart's College F.P.); D. A. Thom (London Scottish); J. A. Waters (Selkirk); and J. G. Wathelton (Edinburgh Wanderers).
The Rest:—A. N. Other, W. Fairbairn (Jefferson); A. N. Other, H. D. E. Lorraine (Oxford University); and W. E. Shaw (Glasgow High School); A. N. Other and I. E. Dawson (Hillhead High School); T. G. Brotherton (Royal High School F.P.); J. M. Ritchie (Watsonians); R. E. Brown (Glasgow High School); I. E. Hill (Edinburgh Academicals); J. D. Lowe (Heriot's School F.P.); G. D. Shaw (Gala); and I. Wilkin (Hillhead High School).

Triumphant England
Fifteen

The English team who beat Wales by 9 points to nil last Saturday at Cardiff was:

Owen-Smith (Oxford); Booth (Reading); Cranmer (Oxford); Gerrard (Bath); Melkie (Waterloo); Elliot (Navy); Gadeny (Leicester); Lonsdale (Army); Gregory (Bristol); Webb (Navy); Dick (Northampton); Fry (Liverpool); Horder n (Gloucester); and Hodgson (Northampton).
New caps.



ONE TITLE FOR PERRY AND
IN OTHER FINAL

Sydney to-day—Perry (Britain) beat McGrath 2-6, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1. In the semi-final of the Australian Lawn Tennis Championships yesterday while Crawford (Australia) beat Quist 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.
In the Double Final Perry and Hughes (Britain) beat Quist and Turnbull (Australia) 6-3, 6-3, 6-4, 6-5, 6-3. Bester.

U.S. Amateur—George Dunlap, U.S. Open—Johnny Goodman.
British Amateur—Edna Michael.
British Open—Dorothea Schaefer.
Fyder Cup—Britain.
P.G.A.—Gene Sarazen.
North and South Open—Joe Kirkwood.
Western Open—MacDonald Smith.
Western Amateur—Jack Westland.
Canadian Amateur—Arthur Campbell.
Canadian Open—Joe Kirkwood.
British Women's—Said Wilson.
U.S. Women's—Vivian Van Dine.

H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

Orders For The Coming Week.

Orders issued by Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant, H.K.V.D.C.—

Hong Kong, Jan. 26, 1934.

PARADE

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 30th January, for Signal Instruction.

Musketry—Musket practices Parts 2 & 3 will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, February 4th. Launch will leave Queen's Pier, Hong Kong, at 8.30 a.m. and call at Kowloon Police Pier at 8.40 a.m.

Dress—either uniform or mufti, but belt, braces and pouches must be worn.

All members who have not yet fired are requested to turn up on that date, otherwise they will have to fire with the Casuals.

Corps 1st Battery

There will be parade for the Signal Section at Headquarters on Tuesday, 30th January at 5.30 p.m. There will be lecture for all ranks at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 1st February at Headquarters.

All those who have not fired their musketry Part III will fire at Stonecutters on Sunday, 11th February (details later).

Corps Engineers

Parade at Miniature Range on Monday, 29th January at 5.30 p.m. Sunday, February 4th—Classification—Stonecutters.

Corps Machine Gun Battalion Troop

Parade on Tuesday 30th January at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters for Machine Gun Instruction. All ranks are reminded that they must fire Rifle Part III at Stonecutters on Sunday, 11th February, 1934.

Motor Cycle Section

All ranks parade at Headquarters on Monday, 29th January at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction.

Corps Infantry (Portuguese) Parade on Tuesday, 30th January at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters. Details will be found in the Appendix.

APPENDIX TO ABOVE

Category—All

Lesson—1. Indication and Recognition of Targets. Location—Miniature Range.

2. Fire Control and Fire Orders. Location—Lecture Room. Divided into two classes. The Miniature Range to be used for training in giving and carrying out fire orders on Landscape Target.

Leave & Return

No. 705, C.S.M.—B. S. Rodgers, Motor Cycle Section, is granted one month leave with effect from 21.1.34 to 19.2.34.

No. 1674, Sergt. M. R. Deb, Medical Section, returned from leave on 11.1.34.

No. 1771, Pte. F. H. Neale, Motor Cycle Section, returned from leave on 21.1.34.

No. 1771, Pte. F. H. Neale, Motor Cycle Section, returned from leave on 21.1.34.

Struck Off Strength

Permitted to resign No. 1659, Pte. Leslie Macey, No. 2 Company (Scottish) as from 13.1.1933.

Left Colony

No. 1331, Pte. K. H. Batger, No. 4 Platoon, No. 1 Company (M.G.) as from 25.1.34.

No. 1986, Pte. R. H. Pickford, No. 3 Platoon, No. 1 Company (M.G.) as from 5.5.1933.

Officers Commanding the undermentioned Units will issue their Orders to their Commands separately:—

Corps Machine Gun Battalion

Armoured Car Co. No. 1 Company (M.G.). No. 2 Company (Scottish). No. 3 Company (Anzac).

SGD, P. S. M. WILKINSON,

CAPTAIN,

Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

AFTER ORDERS

No. 3 Company (Anzac) The Company will parade at full strength on Monday, 29th January at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction:—

1. First Year Men Mechanism 2. Second Year Men I. A.

The attendance at M. parades since Camp has not been at all satisfactory and all ranks are exhorted to make every effort to attend.

No. 2 Company (Scottish) Sunday 28th January.—M. G.

Classification and Part II will be fired at Stonecutters. Range Officer—Lt. A. W. Brown. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. calling at Kowloon en route. This course must be fired to qualify for efficiency.

Thursday 1st February.—No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lt. T. D. Sanderson and No. 7 Platoon at H.Q. under Lt. A. W. Brown. Arms Drill. Belts and Frogs must be worn.

AUSTRALIA DAY CONCERT

This Evening At Helena May.

PROGRAMME

Subjoined is the programme of Madame Lottie Gordon's Australia Day Concert, which takes place at the Helena May Institute from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. this evening, under the patronage and in the presence of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel.

Proceeds are in aid of the Home for Blind Girls, Pokfulam, "Link Scholarships and young artists' funds. God Save the King.

Rule Britannia. (Community Singing).

Community Singing. (Community Singing).

Australian National Anthem. "The Empire Link" Lottie Gordon.

Songs—(a) "In the Australian Bush" Lottie Gordon.

(b) "Sing on, little bush-birds" Lottie Gordon.

(From "The Bush Opera") Lottie Gordon.

Song—"Spring" Lottie Gordon.

Mrs. Hazel Lyle-Wilcox. Piano Group—Australian Boat Song. Lottie Gordon.

(Weeroma) (b) Australian Minuet. Lottie Gordon.

(c) Bush Love Song (afterwards) Lottie Gordon.

(d) Aboriginal Corroboree (Bush Opera) Lottie Gordon.

Madame Lottie Gordon. Elgar.

"Land of Hope and Glory" (Community Singing) Lottie Gordon.

Song—"Over the Meadows" Molly Carew.

Miss Geneva Li Sun. (Australian Composer). Song—"For Australia and Hong Kong" Lottie Gordon.

"Scott" Lottie Gordon.

"Mary of Argyll" Lottie Gordon.

Miss Vera Clarkson. Povoit D'Amour. Voice Echoes of the Peak. (H. K.). Chinese Sketches.

(a) Chinese Wedding. Lottie Gordon.

(b) Richshawman, Hong Kong. Lottie Gordon.

Madame Lottie Gordon. Song—English Shakespearean song Mrs. Hazel Lyle-Wilcox.

Song, Chinese Lullaby. (From "East is West" as sung by Ming Toy).

Miss Geneva Li Sun. Song—"Annie Laurie" Lottie Gordon.

Miss Vera Clarkson. Sea Story Monologue with musical accompaniment and song refrain by "Jack Tar" Wilfred O'Brien of H.M.S. Medway.

Jack Tar's dream of Home. Lottie Gordon.

A Christmas Story to lonely Seafarers of all Nations. In Hong Kong Christmas 1933. Piano Solo. (By Special Request).

(a) Prelude in C sharp minor Rachmaninoff. Madame Lottie Gordon.

Musical Monologue Aussie Soldier Swag With chorus by "Anzac" Lottie Gordon.

Song. "Australia, Land of Sunshine" Lottie Gordon.

Miss Vera Clarkson. (Chorus with Audience). GOD SAVE THE KING.

EXHIBITION OF OLD KIMONOS AND OBIS.

Ancient Japanese Colour-Prints.

AT KOMOR AND KOMOR'S GALLERIES

On Thursday next, February 1, a unique exhibition will be opened at Messrs. Komor and Komor's Art Rooms, when Mr. T. Okamoto's collection of old Court kimonos and brocade obis and ancient Japanese colour-prints will be on view.

It is very rare to-day, even in Japan, to find the old brocade obis and ceremonial kimonos. The people of Japan have always had a passion for sumptuous robes, and the textile art has been for centuries one of the most glorious industries of the country.

Much of the quaint elegance of the Japanese women must be ascribed to the beauty of their robes. The greatest artists of Japan took pride in designing the patterns of silks and brocades for the Court and the nobility.

Japanese colour-prints, too, of which the British Museum has the finest collection in the world, are becoming very rare, and it is a great chance to be able to see a

Soviet Commissar at Home



The first picture ever released for publication showing Maxim Litvinov, Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, with his wife and their two children, Masha, son, and Tanya, daughter, in their Moscow home. Mrs. Litvinov, the former Ivy Low, is the daughter of a titled English family.

VENERABLE ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

Annual Inspection of Ambulance Brigade.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

The annual inspection of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade will be carried out by His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., Knight of Grace of the Venerable Order of St. John, at 4.45 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, on the Murray Parade Ground. All supporters of the Ambulance Brigade are invited to attend.

The order of procedure is as follows:—

1. His Excellency will be received with a Royal Salute.
2. His Excellency will inspect the Corps.
3. A Demonstration of Work will be given.
4. A hollow square will be formed; His Excellency will present:
 - (a) Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E., Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John, with a Vellum of Thanks, awarded by the Chapter General of the Order for services rendered.
 - (b) Long Service Medals to Ambulance Officer M. A. Khan, Indian Division, and Ambulance Officer Wong Kam-cheung, Y.M.C.A. Division.
 - (c) Brigade Trophies.
5. His Excellency will address the Corps.
6. Ranks will be re-formed and the Corps will march past and off the Parade Ground.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel will be open for dinner as usual to-night.

There will be a Tea Dance at the Repulse Bay Hotel to-morrow at 4.30 p.m.

The annual social of the Hong Kong University Christian Association takes place this evening, while the annual Service and presentation of Bibles to the graduates will be carried out at 9.30 a.m. to-morrow at St. Stephen's Church, Pokfulam Road. The Association is giving a tea and tennis party on Wednesday next at the University Pavilion.

collection such as Mr. Okamoto is placing on exhibition.

The collection covers all periods and includes works by Hokusai, Toyokuni, Gakutei, Eisan, Kuniyoshi and Hiroshige, which are unobtainable elsewhere to-day.

Japanese colour-prints were produced by hand pressure. The printer was an artist rather than an artisan, mixing and spreading his colours on the blocks and tinting his sheets by the delicate, dexterous use of his ten fingers only.

Messrs. Komor and Komor, coincidentally with the opening of the exhibition, are beginning a half-price sale in order to clear their stocks of lacquer, Satsuma ware, porcelain and bronzes.

ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES

Yesterday's Meeting At Sandilands Hut.

LADY SOUTHERN ON VALUE OF MOVEMENT

The annual meeting of the Girl Guides Association was held in the presence of a large gathering at the Sandilands Hut this morning.

Owing to indisposition Lady Peel was unable to be present.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Lady Southern, Commissioner of Girl Guides for the Colony, after expressing her regret at the unavoidable absence of Lady Peel, continued:—

We welcome all present warmly to our Headquarters and we thank you very much for your continued interest in Guiding in Hong Kong. We owe a special debt of gratitude to His Excellency and Lady Peel for a marvellous party given to the Guides and Scouts at Mountain Lodge.

What Guiding Means.

I have returned still more convinced of the vital importance of Guiding and Scouting in this storm-racked world. Its full effects will not be seen in our day, but it is laying the foundations of international understanding and friendship in the hearts of the young. The Chiefs had just returned from their wonderful Guide cruise in the Baltic—a royal progress, where Guide and Scout efficiency and enthusiasm proved beyond their wildest dreams. They are following up this with a Mediterranean cruise, then they plan a world tour in order to take part in the great centenary celebrations at Melbourne. I only wish some of us could accept an invitation from the Commissioner of Melbourne to send Guides from here.

After giving some personal experiences of the Guide movement at Home, Lady Southern continued:—

I am grateful to all those who have helped us in the past year, but I do make an earnest appeal for more help in running Companies. We could consolidate our work and open out more Companies and Packs if only helpers would come forward. We want those who have been Guides to help us and we want those who have not been Guides to be trained.

Appeal for Helpers.

Surely there must be many women and girls in a place like Hong Kong where domestic work does not fill their horizons, who can spare a little time and a little thought for this great movement.

I shall be so glad to receive the names of those who will help us in our work and in our play.

I wish all those Guides going on leave a very happy well-earned holiday and I must make special mention of Mrs. W. J. Anderson, who has done splendid work as District Commissioner, Captain of the Officers' Training Corps, and Acting Commissioner, while I was away. She is a great example of the way in which busy people can always find time.

Finance. I will now call upon Mrs. Grist to make a brief financial statement.

THE COMING A.D.C. PRODUCTION

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There is much magic in an alibi. It is such a simple and yet so potent a weapon if effectively wielded.

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"Well," said Mr. Weller to his son Sam, "Now I suppose Mr. Pickwick will want some witnesses to speak to his character or perhaps to prove an alibi. I've got some friends, who'll do either for him but my advice 'ud be this here—never mind the character but stick to the alibi. Nothing like an alibi, Sammy, nothing."

This advice was given before the famous breach of promise action "Bardell v. Pickwick" which ended in judgment for the plaintiff with £700 damages. On hearing the news Mr. Weller asks sadly of his son "Oh, Sammy, Sammy, why weren't there an alibi?"

The weak point about Mr. Weller's idea of an alibi was his apparent conviction that it could only be established by the evidence of witnesses who would be ready to swear falsely that the defendant was elsewhere at the time of the wrong-doing. The greater subtlety of an alibi manufactured by the wrong-doer himself was beyond his ken.

Witnesses who lie may be caught out, but circumstances, says the old legal adage, cannot lie. Hence the really perfect, though false, alibi is one which every circumstance of the case seems to establish and which is at the same time supported by the evidence of unimpeachable witnesses who have been themselves misled by the apparent circumstances.

It is such an alibi that Colin Derwent manufactured for himself in "Ten Minute Alibi" which the A.D.C. is playing at the Naval Canteen Theatre between February 17 and 24.

He is the one person who must inevitably be suspected of the morally justifiable murder which he has committed; yet he is able to make it appear by circumstantial and by direct evidence that he could not have been present at the time of the murder. And he gets away with it, and carries the sympathies of the audience with him.

Booking opens at the Anderson Music Co. on February 7.

At the same time, I should like to thank the Vice-Presidents for their valuable financial help and to beg them to add to their kindness by making known our need for officers among their friends.

In presenting the financial statement, Mrs. C. E. L. Grist said that during the past year the Association had received \$2,705.12 and had expended only \$2,537, leaving a credit balance of \$168. Whilst Home on leave, Mrs. Grist added, she had discussed the question of changing the Guide badges and uniforms with the Overseas Secretary and the question was now under consideration.

The adoption of the report and balance sheet was carried unanimously on the motion of Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, M.B.E., seconded by Miss Woo, M.B.E.

Office-bearers of the Guides present at the meeting were:—

"Lady Southern (Colony Commissioner): Miss H. D. Sawyer, Mrs. E. Vaughan Fowler (District Captain for Kowloon), Mrs. J. D. Danby, Mrs. C. E. L. Grist (Deputy Colony Commissioner), Mrs. G. A. C. Herklotz (District Commissioner), Mrs. W. J. Anderson, Mrs. W. B. A. Moore and Mrs. T. P. K. Kemble (Secretary).

Members present were:— Mrs. J. A. B. Selby, Mrs. Gordon Mackie, Miss King, Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, M. B. E., Miss Choo, Mrs. Giffiths, Mrs. R. O. Hall, Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, M.B.E., Mrs. P. Jack, Mrs. G. R. Hole, Mrs. D. W. Trautman, Mrs. M. K. Lo, Miss H. Hancock, Mrs. Shawan, Mrs. E. Cook, Mrs. O. C. Womack, Miss Jackie, Mrs. Bird, Miss V. Sallis, Mrs. A. S. Gibby, Miss Gifford-Hall, Mrs. Braister-Craig, Mrs. J. F. Bond, Miss M. Challenger, Miss E. B. Pike, Mrs. F. Elliott, Mrs. Wallace Hansen, Mrs. Corbett and Miss F. Grist.

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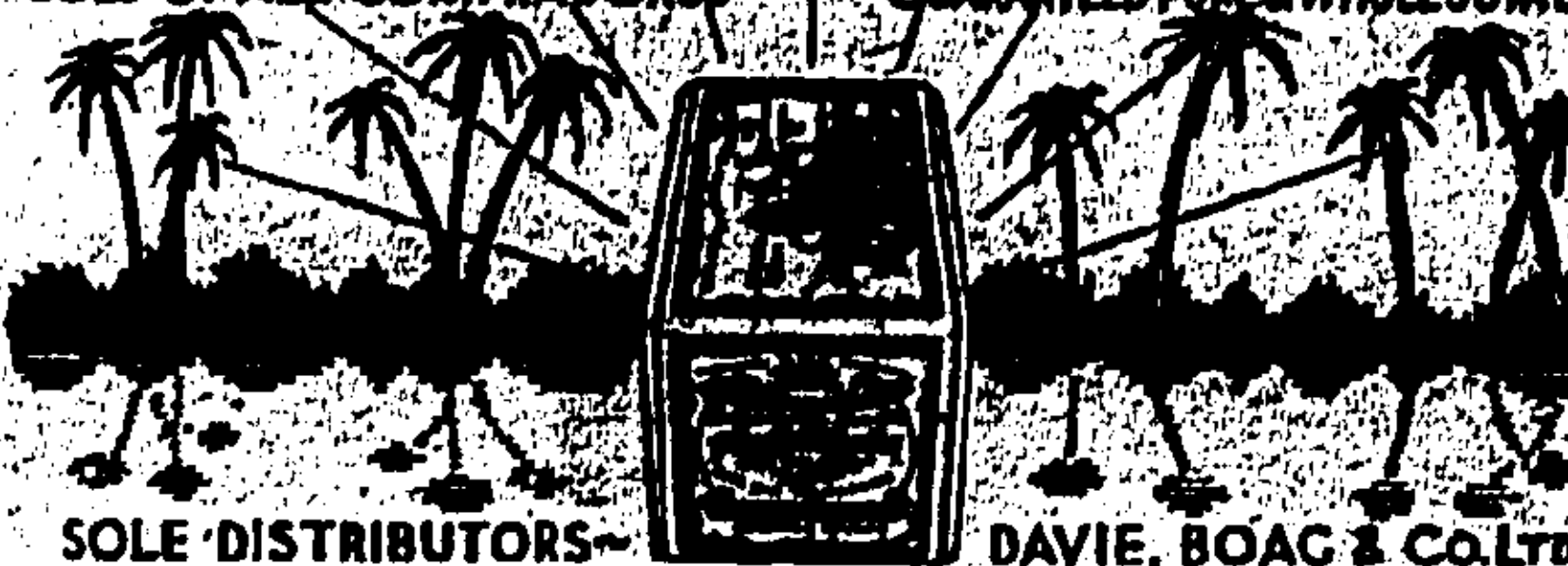
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Definitions.

Thomas Jesse Jones, the educational director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, is to be thanked not only for his own reply to the question, "What is education?" but also for recalling the classic answer of Thomas Huxley, made sixty-five years ago in an address at the South London Working Men's College: "That man, I think, has had a liberal education who has been so trained in youth that his body is the ready servant of his will, and does with ease and pleasure all the work that, as a mechanism, it is capable of; whose intellect is a clear, cold, logic engine, with all its parts of equal strength, and in smooth working order; ready, like a steam engine, to be turned to any kind of work, and spin the gossamers as well as forge the anchors of the mind; whose mind is stored with a knowledge of the great and fundamental truths of Nature and of the laws of her operations; one who, no stunted ascetic, is full of life and fire, but whose passions are trained to come to heel by a vigorous will, the servant of a tender conscience; who has learned to love all beauty, whether of Nature or of art, to hate all violence, and to respect others as himself." The emphasis is here upon the development of the individual. There is no suggestion of the relation of the liberal education to the social, economic or political order of which he is a beneficiary, and to which he has an obligation, save as suggested in the phrase "to respect others as himself." Yet respect for others may embrace all those relationships which enable the fully developed individual to do his whole duty by his fellow-men. It is the recognition of that obligation, especially in a democracy, that becomes essential to any adequate scheme of education. The fullness of the individual life must embrace sharing in the common burdens of mankind. Huxley in an explanatory word speaks of the educated man as the "mouthpiece of Nature, her conscious self, her minister and interpreter." But that does not include the range of human interests unless Nature include the soul of man in her domain of beauty and of duty. It is all very well, said the head of the English department of an American teacher's college recently, to teach students that life is real and earnest, but they should not be allowed to go out into the world believing that life is simple. It is complicated and "it cannot be reduced to a few rules or slogans." There is no better way, he added, to impress

this truth than to make them alert to what is going on in the world day by day. This is not the business of the social science department. It is the business of the school as a whole. Attitudes toward the world in which we live and move and have our being should be ready to function "just as language skills should." It is pertinent to recall also Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's definition of an educated man given a few years ago to the graduates of a workingman's college in London: "The educated man is a man with certain subtle spiritual qualities which make him calm in adversity, happy when alone, just in his dealings, rational and sane in the fullest meaning of that word in all the affairs of life." And as to where he may be found, the Prime Minister added, he may be found in the country somewhere singing the old folksongs or talking about his sheep or dogs or quoting Burns. He may never have been in a college or a university even.

"Blind Leading The Blind."

This saying, which has been repeated for at least two thousand years with an ill import, has been given for the first time a benign and an inspiring application. Miss Helen Keller, who was led out of the dark silence by the ingenuity, perseverance and patience of her remarkable teacher, Mrs. Anne Sullivan Macy, is now in preparing her to "see" with her fingers in the darkness which is closing in upon her eyes. In receiving the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, from the University of Glasgow, Scotland (conferred with a citation which included in Latin the passage from Isaiah, "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped"), Miss Keller could not forget her teacher and included her in the "golden clasp of praise," saying, "When I think what one loving human being has done for me, I realize what will some day happen to mankind when hearts and brains work together." She has herself demonstrated that even darkness and silence combined need not bar the progress of the immortal spirit. That she can now actually make some return in kind for the unprecedented and devoted ministry of one through whom alone she had contact with the life on this planet is a crowning poetic episode in this extraordinary relationship which will be remembered in the classics of friendship. It also gives happy illustration of the fact that those most precious gifts are those which come from a sympathy that can fully understand, as the gifts of the poor to the poor, or those who have made good like

HERE, THERE
and
EVERYWHERE

Diplomat Resigns

President Roosevelt has not been fortunate in his diplomatic appointments.

Mr. Bingham, his London Ambassador, has poor health.

Mr. Straus, his Paris representative, has had to return to the United States for a minor operation.

Another Minister, in an Eastern European State, is on the Senate Banking Commission list for inquiry into income-tax returns.

Now Mr. White, the American Minister in Prague, has resigned. He has been less than five months in his new post, and he has announced to the Czech Press that, as the diplomatic representative of the world's richest Power, he is unable to live on his salary.

He says he is returning to the States to work for his living.

Unfurnished Palace

Mr. White is not the first American Minister to find the Prague Legation too expensive.

It is, in fact, something of a white elephant. It is the former Schonbrunn Palace, and is the show Legation of Europe. Its hanging gardens are world famous.

It was bought very cheaply by the American Government 10 years ago. But they refused to furnish it.

For five years now no American Minister has lived in it.

Once a year, on July 4, he gives a party in the gardens. If it rains, the guests troop into the Legation proper. There they see its furnitureless condition.

Your Daily Smile.

THAT WINNING SMILE

A: "Where nowadays will you find the youth who can smile when everything around him is going wrong?"

B: "On the links to-morrow morning, carrying my golf clubs."

WHEN THE RELATIONS HEARD
"How much was old Jackson's estate worth?" Higgs asked a friend of the old fellow's family.

"Quite a lot, so I'm told," he was informed.

"Really, you surprise me," said Higgs. "I was under the impression that he left practically nothing."

"You were right," said the other, "that's why it was sworn at quite a lot."

LESSONS SHE LIKED

"Miss James is learning to ride a bicycle," said Freeman, with a wry smile.

"Really?" said his companion. "But she rode one last year. Why is she learning again?"

"Well, last year her brother taught her," explained Freeman, "but this year her brother's friend is doing it."

Hush
The passer-by stopped and looked at the man struggling vainly with his broken-down car. "Excuse me," said the stranger, "but perhaps I can help you. There are one or two things I can tell you about your make of car."

"Please keep them to yourself, old chap," he remarked, warningly: "there are ladies present."

Facts You Did Not Know.

A farm in England is devoted to raising rare butterflies and moths for sale, trees in which the insects breed and develop being covered with muslin.

Microphone equipment has been invented to enable drivers of double-decked buses to announce the names of streets being approached to all passengers.

X-rays have been produced without X-ray tubes by a French scientist by forcing high voltage electric currents through substances of high resistance.

experiences. The "blind leading the blind" will henceforth have a new meaning wherever the story of Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller is known. They who have been called "from the light" have been able to demonstrate the power of the mind to overcome limitation.

SLOVAKIA'S CLAIM
FOR JUSTICECZECH BRINGS TRIAL
OF RUIN

UNITY WITH HUNGARY WANTED

(By Professor Dr. Francis Jehlicka, Chairman of the Geneva Slovak Council.)

Slovakia, which is my native land, was for a thousand years an integral part of the Hungarian Kingdom.

It formed an ideal geographical and economic unit with the Great Hungarian Plain, and was entirely self-supporting and prosperous. All our rivers, and the passes which are the only highways among our mountains, lead southwards into Hungary. We have no natural communications with the country of the Czechs, to which we were joined against our will by the Paris Peace Conference that redrafted the map of Europe after the war.

"Destroy the Austro-Hungarian monarchy," was the bad advice tendered by the Czech leaders, Dr. Benes and Mr. Masaryk. It led the Paris Peace Conference to carry out a vivisection of the Hapsburg Empire which resulted in economic decay and catastrophe for the whole territory, and for my country, Slovakia, in particular.

I use the word "catastrophe" deliberately. It is a catastrophe that Slovakia's formerly flourishing industries should have become bankrupt as a result of having been cut off from their Hungarian market.

We are no longer able to sell the timber of our mountains; our agriculture, labourers can no longer find work in the Hungarian plains at harvest-time.

Since the Peace Treaty, at least 300,000 Czechs have moved into Slovakia, occupying all the best positions and displacing native-born Slovaks.

As a result, half a million Slovaks have had to emigrate to different parts of the world, while another half-million are unemployed. When they demand work and bread, they are fired on by the Czech gendarmes. Slovakia is a country of hunger and despair.

This separation of Slovakia from Hungary, and its annexation to the country of the Czechs (Bohemia), were effected against both the interests and the will of the Slovak people.

For ten centuries the Slovaks had been loyal citizens of Hungary, and had no desire to be detached from her. In the World War the Slovaks fought loyally for Hungary, true to the oath they had taken to defend the national flag. This in itself was a great plebiscite in favour of Hungary, signed in Slovak blood up the battlefield.

Torn From Hungary
I know well what devices the Czech secret society, which took the name of Maffia, or Black Hand, employed to obtain possession of Slovakia without any plebiscite. My country was torn from Hungary and joined to the Czechs without ever having been consulted in the matter. To quote an expression often used by the late President Wilson and by some British statesmen, the Slovaks "were driven from one State to another just like sheep or cattle."

I ask: IS THIS JUST?
I demand for my people the right of self-determination.

I claim justice for my country! It was as a result of false statements that Slovakia was handed over to the Czechs. The most deceitful of these was that the Slovak race has no existence, that "the Slovaks are Czechs," and that Slovakia is, so to speak, Czech territory.

It was this trick which procured for the Czechs possession of the whole country. We Slovaks were, in consequence, struck off the register of the peoples of the world.

The Slovaks have never been Czechs or "Czecho-Slovaks." They have always regarded themselves as a distinct member of the large family of Slavonic peoples, with a language, literature, culture, traditions, history, territory, and mentality of their own. It is significant that, ever since the Peace Treaty, the Slovak nation has always directed its strongest protests against this treacherous Czech propaganda which is founded upon lies. Not long ago the two political parties that make up the activity of my nation—the Slovak People's Party and the National Party—said

joint meetings of a size unprecedented in our history at Zvolen and Nitra, and made the following solemn declaration to the world:—

"We are, and were from time immemorial, the Slovak nation. We intend to remain so in the future."

"We are not Czechs, or Czecho-Slovaks. Such a thing as the 'Czecho-Slovak nation' has never existed."

"We regard ourselves as a sovereign Slovak nation. No one has the right to deny our individuality and national identity."

The Czechs have done their best to suppress this statement, and to conceal it from the world. They recently forbade the issue of any publications by the largest Slovak political party.

Ruthless Exploitation
In order to bring about the disappearance of the Slovak nationality, they do everything in their power to "Czechify" my people. The schools, the Army, the Government, and the Press are all employed to serve this purpose of denationalisation.

Acting on orders from the Government at Prague, the Czech Academy has manufactured a new idiom for Slovaks, smuggling into our native tongue several thousand Czech words and expressions. This Czecho-Slovak mixture has been made compulsory, under the title of the "new orthography," in all Slovak schools and offices.

Even the very soil of Slovakia is being "Czechified," by the settlement upon it of many hundreds of thousands of Czechs, who are taking the places of those Slovaks who have been forced to emigrate by famine, as a result of the artificial distress that has been created."

All who dare to protest against these outrages are declared "enemies of the State." They are condemned to imprisonment in such numbers that the prison buildings are proving inadequate to house them. The most prominent Slovak leader, Professor V. Tuka, has already served five years of a fifteen years' sentence for having demanded autonomy for his country—that same autonomy which was promised to the Slovaks by President Masaryk in the solemn covenant drawn up at Pittsburgh during his propaganda tour of the United States in 1918.

A whole volume would not suffice to record the wrongs and outrages inflicted upon us.

I ask, therefore: IS THIS JUSTICE? Is it tolerable that a well-conducted, industrious, innocent people should be exterminated in the very heart of twentieth-century Europe?

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Hyphenation.

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Bill Smith is a man you may neglect;
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But Smyth-Jones stands among the elect
Ennobled by a hyphen.

And when he takes as his lawful mate
Miss Muggins-Jinks, it is safe to state.

That the Muggins-Jinks-Smyth-Jones are great,
Fortified by a triple hyphen.

Yes, that little dash has a power
More potent than pedlars or gold.
For making the ugliest families old.

So here's to the magic hyphen.
—DOUGLAS BAKER.

TIN CONTROL PLAN DISPUTED

Buffer Pool Opposed.

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
PROTESTS.

London, To-day.
The London Metal Exchange Committee has sent a letter to the Colonial Office and to the Board of Trade, conveying the apprehension with which it views the attempts to obtain financial assistance from Malaya and Bolivia, in the tin control scheme administered by the International Tin Committee.

Particular exception is taken to the suggested buffer pool backed by Government finance, in which the Exchange sees a great danger to the old-established merchant and the market organisations.

The Exchange is of the opinion that the Tin Committee's existing regulations are quite sufficient to guard against any great fluctuations in price.—Reuter.

GOLD MINING PROSPECTS IN PAPUA

Dredge Shipped From
Australia.

SMALL-SCALE APPARATUS

Sydney, N.S.W.
A dredge which is now being packed for shipment to Papua may mark the beginning of an interesting development in the gold mining industry in the Pacific territories.

The dredge, which was constructed in the Balmains workshops of Poole and Steel, Ltd., is on a miniature scale. The buckets, for instance, have a capacity of only 1½ cubic feet, compared with 10 to 12 cubic feet which hitherto has been the bucket capacity of the smaller dredges used in gold mining. The dredge has been so designed that, when it is dismantled, no single part will exceed 5 cwt. in dead weight. Thus it may be transported by native carriers through the jungles of Papua.

The dredge will be taken from Port Moresby to the mouth of the Lakekamu River, 100 miles to the westward, by coastal steamer; thence it will be taken 40 miles up the river in a specially built launch; and then it will be carried by natives 10 miles through the jungle to a land-locked creek where several months of boring has disclosed encouraging prospects of payable gold.

The dredge is to be driven by two petrol engines, but the engines, instead of depending on petrol, will use suction gas. Careful tests have shown that gas generated from charcoal, obtained in the jungle, will run the engines satisfactorily.

The company which has undertaken this enterprise is the Tiberi Gold Dredging Co. Ltd., which is registered in Port Moresby. If it succeeds, it will have solved a problem in the development of the gold industry in Papua—the transporting of dredging machinery into difficult country and providing motive power.—Reuter.

"GREEN EAGLE" FOR U.S. FARMERS.

F.H.A. Request Own
Problem.

Des Moines, Iowa.
The "Blue Eagle" of industrial recovery will have a green counterpart for agriculture if the National Farmers Holiday Association directors obtain consent. The farmers propose as their emblem an eagle, similar to its blue cousin in most respects, on a white background, clutching a pitchfork in its talons. Surrounding the white is a purple border and at the bottom is the legend: "We are a part." The initials "F.H.A." for Farmers Holiday Association, surmount the design.—Reuter.

SILVER DECLINES AGAIN

(Continued from Page 1.)

"Wheat: There was less pressure on the market. On the local market, there is no change in sight. Terminal stocks in the South-West are decreasing liberal."

"Cotton: Earlier on liquidation of concentrated holdings. With support less active, the market generally is featureless."—Reuter.

Papal Prize Winner



Prof. George Birkhoff.
The prize of \$10,000 has been offered by the P.A.S. in a mathematical competition for a "system for the solution of differential equations," goes to Professor George Birkhoff, of Harvard University. The contest was open to mathematicians all over the world.

YORKSHIREMEN IN HONG KONG.

Annual Meeting Of The
Society Yesterday.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

A very favourable financial condition was disclosed at the annual general meeting of the Society of Yorkshiremen in Hong Kong, held yesterday at Chartered Bank Chambers.

Mr. J. Scott Harston, President, took the chair at the meeting, which was attended by the honorary secretary and the honorary treasurer. Messrs. J. G. Meyer and E. W. Coulson; Mrs. H. H. Priestley, Mrs. D. M. Shaw, Miss Heap, and Messrs. G. H. Potts, J. H. Bottomley, J. D. Danby, H. H. Priestley, J. H. Shaw, W. Ashby, A. Brooksbank, A. R. Brown, J. Deakin, C. Jackson, L. de Rome, and C. H. Thompson.

On the motion of the President, the report, which has already been published, and the accounts, which showed a favourable balance of \$1,393, were adopted.

At the subsequent election of officers the following appointments were made:

President, Mr. A. Brearley; Vice-President, Mr. Priestley; honorary secretary, Mr. Meyer; honorary treasurer, Mr. W. Stoker; committee members, Messrs. L. E. Longbottom, Danby, and Brown; honorary auditor, Mr. J. H. Shaw.

The retiring President appealed to those willing to give entertainment items in dialect or otherwise, to assist at the cabaret dinner which would be held sometime in March with H. E. the Governor as chief guest.

DR. GRAY TO ACT AS MEDICAL OFFICER.

Mr. W. M. Thomson To Be
Police Magistrate.

MR. GOURLEY CONFIRMED
AS U.S. CONSUL

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Walter Morris Thomson to be a Police Magistrate in addition to his other duties, with effect from February 1, 1934.

The appointment of Dr. John Macfarlane Gray to act as Medical Officer of Health during the absence on leave of Dr. George William Pope, with effect from January 27, 1934, is gazetted.

Mr. Thomas Megarry has been appointed to be District Officer in the Northern District of the New Territories, with effect from January 18, 1934.

Mr. Megarry is authorised to hold a Small Debts Court in the New Territories at the following places: The Magistracy, Tai Po, the Land Office, Ping Shan, and the charge rooms of the Police Stations at Au Tau, Ping Shan, She Tau Kok, Sai Kung, Sha Tin, Sheung Shui, Lok Ma Chau and Castle Peak, with effect from January 18, 1934.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. Louis Hill Gourley to act as Consul for the United States of America at Hong Kong has received His Majesty's signature.

The Gazette states that Mr. David William Traiman, C.M.G., resumed duty as Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Council, with Mr. Roland Arthur Charles

SAFETY FIRST

BY "CIVIS HONGKONGENSIS"

(Contributed.)

Being civic-minded (my nickname is *Pro Bono Publico*) I naturally rejoiced when I heard of the "Safety First" campaign, and as a good urbanite I resolved to show my fellow-citizens by practice, as well as precept, how to avoid an untimely death. And so, on Thursday, instead of strolling in the middle of the roadway, as half Hong Kong seemed to be, I thought it behoove me to set an example by keeping to the pavement. In view of what happened to me later, let me say that I was on my way to meet a most charming lady, and reckoned that by travelling at about two-and-a-half miles per hour I'd arrive at the meeting place just on time.

But the pavement was terribly congested. Even at the best of times verandas do not made for speed, and my progress resembled a slow-motion picture of a rugby three-quarter executing a cork-screw run, with this vital difference, that whereas the three-quarter avoids clean-limbed youths I was bumped by and bumped ambling pedestrians, mostly gazing into vacancy, hawkers, peripatetic restaurateurs, seamstresses, cobblers, filthy beggars and a few ragged, scabrous derelicts busy de-litting their tatters. Bad enough, but not so horrible as having to avoid the expectations of the shopkeepers and their assistants who regarded the pavement as a public cuspidor. Then there was the deafening blare of shop radios reinforced by the clearing of innumerable throats. Saying to myself "Safety First," and being behind time, I stepped on to the roadway. But, alas, I had left Scylla for Charybdis, or rather jumped out of the splotoon into the splotoon, for no sooner had I left the pavement than a cascade of filthy liquid splashed the street and bespattered some passers-by just ahead of me. Full of wrath I looked to see whence the stuff had come but could not determine which flat contained the criminal. A native policeman nearby was quite unaware of the malodorous shower-bath he had just escaped. Probably the lynx-eyed sleuth was too intent on catching an unmuzzled mongrel as it poked its nose over the doorstep, or may be he was out to pounce on some old woman hawking without a licence. In the most approved "Safety First" spirit I called his attention to the mess on the street and pointed an indignant finger to the houses above. My reward was a smile full of brotherly love. Failing to see the joke I turned away in disgust and boarded a bus.

As I was being bumped along in the jolly old bus my civic spirit gave way to Bolshevism and I found myself murmuring to the driver: "Speed, liddle, speed! Let her rip! Scatter them like chaff and let 'Safety First' be blowed! They don't thank you for being careful, so why worry? Hurry the word, not worry! So hurry, garcon, hurry. The fair one must not have to wait." It gladdened my disgruntled heart to see pedestrians scurry out of the way of my juggernaut, as I had just made up my mind to send the following slogan to the bus company: "Spend ten cents in a bus and save ten dollars of inconvenience in the street" when my bus stopped where there was no "Stop" notice. I wondered why, but soon stopped guessing as I beheld the driver expertly, with his self-starter and gears. It was my unlucky day! The bus had broken down. After waiting for two minutes—two priceless minutes—I got out and hailed a rickshaw. It was now the tripping time, but a fleet coolie and a clear street might still save the situation. The coolie was fleet and started off like a Nurni; but my hopes crashed to zero when we ran against a number one Chinese funeral. Speed was out of the question until the last of the mourners were passed. Then my pulley accelerated and in a nerve-racking tortuous ride, in which he shouted every "Safety First" precaution, he brought me to the rendezvous where I found that my bird had flown.

"Safety First," indeed! *Civilis?*

North as Deputy Clerk of Council, with effect from January 20, 1934.

Dr. Ralph Stockman Begbie, has been appointed to act as Government Inspector during the absence of Mr. Dr. Arthur Vernon Gray, with effect from January 21, 1934.

Two and a Half miles off at sea the patrol-boat, *Scatarie*, attached to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, has rescued a large moose.

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When the animal recovered it gave the crew a lively time, and they had to bind it. When the boat reached the shore the moose was sent from—Reuter.

To-day's Short Story.

The Room On The Fourth Floor

By Ralph
Straus.

JOHN CHESTER ought never to have gone in for politics. I am quite certain that he should have sat down at a desk and written romances, and become a "best-seller," and built himself a marble house, and married a wife, and hired a press-agent. Instead, as everybody knows, he elected to be returned to Parliament twenty-five years ago, and there he has remained ever since, always upon the fringe of the Government, though never actually entering those extraordinary precincts.

Probably succeeding Premiers have considered that Chester's duties as a raconteur at fashionable dinner-tables must for ever preclude him from undertaking anything else, though, I dare say, he has refused office on his own account. He is just the kind of man to do such a thing—a man too keen about other people to look properly after his own interests.

His appearance, as you know, is military. That white moustache suggests the field-marshal, and his clothes are obviously of the dragon cut. Also, he has a figure which, to my knowledge, has changed not an inch in the last twenty years. Some people call him a phenomenon and expect you to know exactly what they mean, and somehow you do. He knows everyone and goes everywhere. He has more friends than any other man in Europe. And he is the kind of man to whom people, even the discreet people, tell things, which possibly accounts for his amazing stock of stories.

I was dining with him a week or two ago at the House of Commons. A world-famous ex-Minister was sitting in solitary state at the next table. Chester had been unusually silent, and I wondered what was troubling him; but when the great

statesman hurried away, my host gave the peculiar chuckle which, with him, is the invariable introduction to some yarn or other.

"The most remarkable man in England," he began, looking in the direction of the now empty table.

"So I am given to understand."

"He is the only man who guessed the Farrington riddle, you know. Guessed it at once, too. Most remarkable man. Yes. And yet..."

He paused and looked at me as though I had contradicted him.

"Sometimes," he continued, twirling the white moustache, "I wonder whether he knew more about the affair than he pretended. He might have heard of it, of course, in his official capacity."

"You mean when he was Prime Minister?"

"Precisely."

MONDAY'S STORY

Monday's story will be "The Grass Fire," by Erskine Caldwell.

"You pique my curiosity," said I. John Chester emptied his glass. "You have never heard of the Farrington case, then? No, well, in the ordinary way you wouldn't. So many of these things have to be hushed up. Besides, it is thirty years old now."

I lit a cigar and prepared for one of Chester's inimitable yarns.

"Yes," he began, "Mrs. Farrington was a beautiful widow with a passion for travelling in unusual places. She had plenty of money, and she moved from one continent to the next as you or I drive to our clubs. She never took a maid with her; but her daughter, I suppose, did much to fill the maid's place. I met them first in Florence, I remember. The girl must have been about twenty then. Mrs. Farrington nearly forty, though she scarcely looked older than her daughter.

"She was entertaining some Italian prince who wanted to become her son-in-law or her husband—I couldn't make up my mind which, and didn't like to ask—and I was invited to call at her London house. I fully intended to go as soon as I returned home, but—well, you shall hear why I never had the opportunity.

"It was in the year of the great Exhibition in Paris—1900. The Farringtons had been travelling in Russia and Turkey. They had spent a week in Constantinople—a detestable place—and had decided to make a tour through Asia Minor. But apparently for no reason at all Mrs. Farrington suddenly took it into her head that she would like to buy new carpets for her London house, and the Asia Minor trip was indefinitely postponed.

"The ladies visited Thomas Cook, and Thomas Cook in his best English told them how to reach home in the most comfortable manner. Incidentally he advised a night or two in Paris. The Exhibition had just opened its gates. Now I don't suppose for one moment that Mrs. Farrington cared in the least whether she saw the Exhibition or not, but her daughter had not seen so much of the world as her indefatigable mother, and it was decided that twenty-four hours in Paris would make a pleasant break in a tiresome journey.

"And so it happened that three days later the two ladies, rather tired and rather irritable, arrived at the Paris terminus. It was just eight o'clock in the evening. They had already dined in the train. A porter found their baggage—three large trunks and a green bag which had accompanied Mrs. Farrington from the time she had first crossed the Channel—and, with the help of a cabman, succeeded in placing the four pieces on the roof of the cab. Before driving off, however, the cabman altered the position of the green bag. Apparently he had got it into his head that the green bag was the last straw to break his comings, and he put it beneath his feet on the steps.

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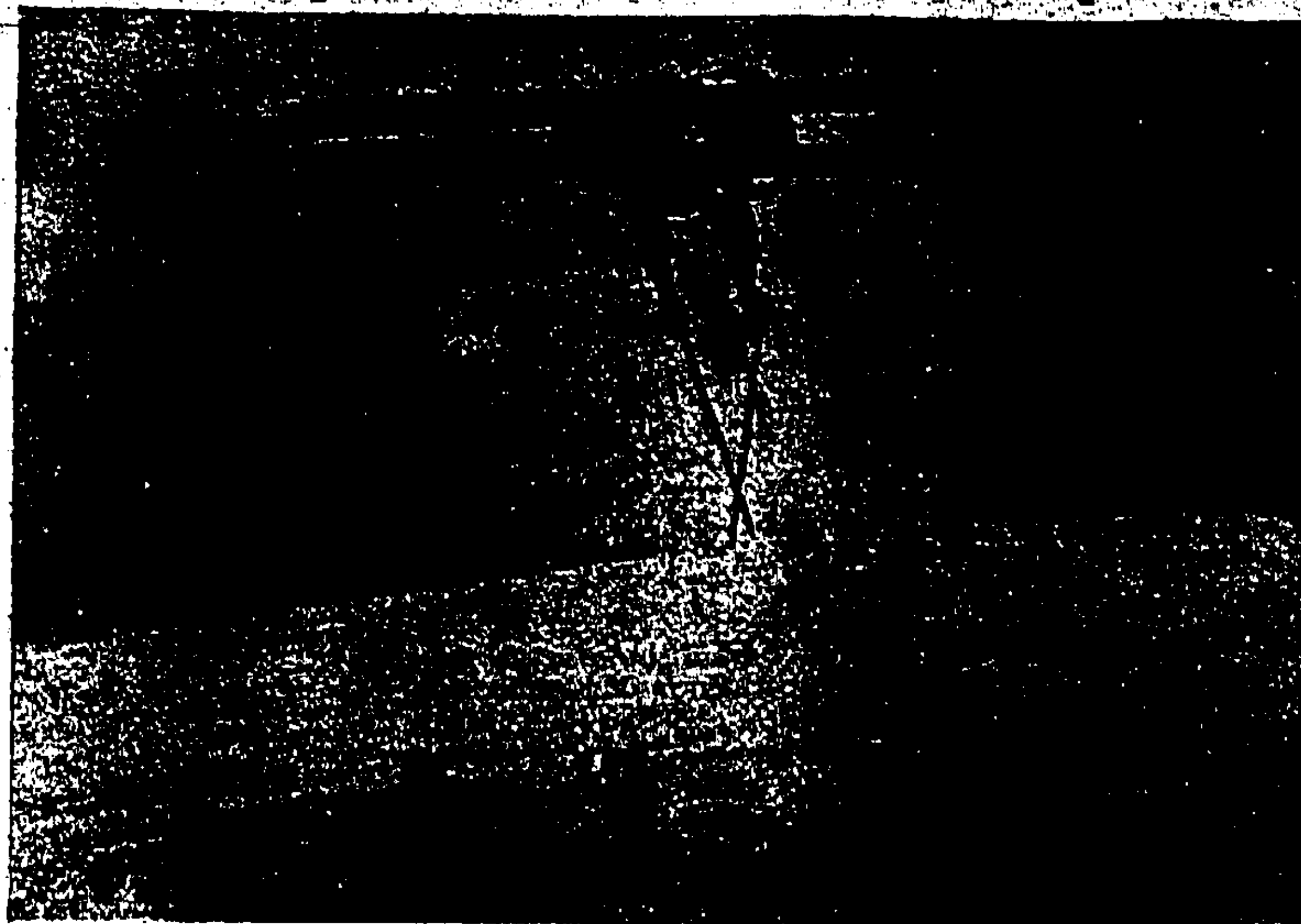
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At first glance one may well be pardoned for asking, the Alps, near St. Moritz, Switzerland. There is no
what is it? It is an unusual picture of a ski jumper, limit to the daring of these sportsmen, who risk life
apparently turning a somersault on a steep slope of and limb in a dash down a mountain.

The Room on the Fourth Floor

(Continued from Page 10.)

"Miss Farringham stared wildly about her and fell down in a faint. They got her to bed and promised to send a telegram to England. Early next morning she crossed the Channel, just dazed. And she was met at Charing Cross by friends just as mystified as herself. That night she was seriously ill. Brain fever."

"But the mother?" I asked. "Nothing more," said John Chester. "was ever heard of the mother."

The division bell was ringing, and my host excused himself. "I must vote," he explained. "I shall be back in ten minutes, which will give you just sixty times as long as the ex-Prime Minister took to solve the riddle." He nodded, and hurried away.

I tried to exercise those faculties which the detective of fiction finds so useful. Either Mrs. Farringham had arrived at the hotel in Paris, I argued, or she had not. John Chester had stated distinctly that she had arrived, and therefore....

My host had returned. "A pretty problem?" said he. "Confess yourself completely at sea."

"Completely," said I. "Come along to the terrace, then," and we walked out and stood looking over the Thames. It was not a warm night, and we were coatless.

"I have often wondered," he began at last, "why Mrs. Farringham had that sudden desire to buy carpets for her London house."

I hurriedly sought for a clue in the carpets, but found none. "Perhaps," he continued, "it was an excuse. Perhaps she shared in common with most of her sex the desire to practice the gentle art of self-deception. It is just possible, that is to say, that Mrs. Farringham gave up the proposed trip through Asia Minor because she was not in her usual health."

He was silent for so long that I drew his attention to the low temperature.

"Then I'll explain," he said with a smile. "It is all quite simple, and depends on one little fact which may or may not have escaped your notice. In France they have a peculiar way of doing things. A logical way, I admit, but sometimes peculiar. Consequently things happen in France, and particularly in Paris, which could not possibly happen anywhere else. The Farringham affair is a case in point. I will tell you exactly what happened, and then you shall come inside to hear the debate."

"Well, then, here, as I said before, you have the fact of two ladies arriving one evening in a Paris hotel. There is no question about that: they both arrived, and Mrs. Farringham was given a room on the fourth floor, the actual room which her daughter found untenanted at midnight. Now I will say at once that there was nothing peculiar about this room; it was just an ordinary bedroom in a big hotel. What was peculiar was the fact that while Mrs. Farringham had been in the room at half-past eight, she was not there, nor indeed anywhere in the hotel, at midnight. Consequently, at some period between these two hours she went out, or was taken out."

"But the manager, and the porter,"

"I see you will not let me tell the story in my own way," smiled John Chester. "I was going to show you how you might have solved the riddle. No matter. You shall have the plain sequence of things at once. A few minutes after Mrs. Farringham had been shown to her room her daughter had gone up to the fifth floor and she was alone. Ten minutes later her bell in the room rang. The chambermaid appeared, and to her dismay found madame lying motionless on the floor. She rang for the porter, and the porter, hardly less frightened than herself, fetched the manager. The manager called for a doctor. Fortunately there was one in the hotel. The doctor appeared and made his examination. Mrs. Farringham was dead."

"Dead!" I repeated. "Dead," said John Chester. "Now the death of a lady in a large hotel is an unpleasant event at all times, but in this case there was something so peculiarly unpleasant that the doctor, instead of notifying the police, called up one of the Government offices on the telephone, and was lucky enough to find a high official still at his post."

"What followed you may think extraordinary, and extraordinary it certainly must have been. In less than an hour's time there had arrived at the hotel a small army of men. Some seemed to be visitors, other workmen. If you had watched them at all, you might have come to the conclusion that a large quantity of furniture was being removed. As a matter of fact it was. In particular, an ottoman might have been seen being carried down stairs and placed in a furniture van, which drove rapidly away. If you had waited about the fourth floor, you might further have seen new furniture brought into the room which Mrs. Farringham had occupied, and you might have been puzzled at a peculiar odour until the manager, whom you would have met casually on the stairs, informed you that a clumsy servant had upset a case of drugs destined for the Exhibition."

"At the same time, if you had been allowed into the manager's own sanctum downstairs you would have seen three or four gentlemen talking earnestly to a chambermaid and a porter, and, at a later hour, to a cabman who happened to have taken up his stand outside the hotel. The porter and the chambermaid incidentally received large sums of money, and the cabman, similarly enriched, was bidden to await instructions. Also several lessons in the art of acting had been given."

"I am more bewildered than ever."

"And yet," said John Chester, "two words whispered over the telephone had been sufficient to cause all these curious events to take place!"

Once again he paused. Mrs. Farringham had been travelling in the East. Doesn't that suggest something to you?"

"You mean—" I was beginning, but he interrupted me. "Bubonic plague!"

"But I don't see—"

"At headquarters they were obliged to come to a speedy decision. In the interests of the community, my dear friend, it was decided that the Government should be kept in the dark. Mrs. Farringham was to be kept in the dark, and further they were not concerned."

SLOVAKIA'S CLAIM FOR JUSTICE

(Continued from Page 8.)

Is it just that Slovakia should be degraded to the level of a Czech colony for ruthless exploitation? According to our best statisticians, the Czech "liberators" of Slovakia have so far squeezed out of our country about £2,000,000,000.

But not only do the Czechs treat my country as a colony; they are also making of it a corridor to Russia, by which, at a favourable moment, Russo-Asiatic hordes of Bolshevik or Cossack barbarians may be introduced into the very heart of Europe. As recently as December 6, Dr. Benes, speaking at Bratislava in opposition to the revision of the Peace Treaties, said: "We cannot give up Slovakia and Ruthenia, because we need this territory to give us connection with the Little Entente and with Russia."

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After all our misfortunes we Slovaks want to lead a free national life. Yet we do not desire any further partition of Central Europe. On the contrary, our aim is its economic recovery.

For this reason we do not ask for a fully independent Slovak State. All we ask is to become a self-governing territory in federation with Hungary.

Our geographical situation clearly indicates this course. We want to be united again with Hungary, to which we belonged for a full thousand years, and whose first king, St. Stephen, gave on his death-bed the following counsel to his son, St. Emery:—

"Be just to the non-Magyar peoples of the country, and treat them well, so that they may prefer to live in Hungary rather than outside it."

For a thousand years the Slovaks fought side by side with the Hungarian nation against the Tartars and the Turks. We want once more to unite our forces with Hungary so that we may, if need be, devote our lives to the defence of Western civilisation and culture against the dangers that may threaten them from the East.

That was the only vital point. "But even then—" "Do you suppose," asked John Chester, "that anybody would have visited Paris if a case of bubonic plague had been reported? Even if there was no more than a rumour that—"

"No, but—" "It was a case of one against the many. The Government, being Republican and also patriotic, made its choice for the many. Also, being French, it did not lack the artistic temperament."

"It's ghastly!" I murmured. "It was an Exhibition year," said John Chester. "But you are quite right. As I said, it is very odd."

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The notorious bandits Mitrovitch and Sushitch, who for 50 miles around Belgrade, have been killed after a short, desperate fight with a hundred policemen.

During the last few months they had killed two policemen sent to hunt them and had committed robberies yielding over £3,000 in cash and large stores of food and clothing.

Their hiding-place was at last disclosed to the police by the husband of one of their mistresses.

At dead of night a hundred policemen surrounded the village of Drazevatz, moving stealthily to avoid detection by any of the hundreds of the bandits' agents.

Two houses standing apart on a hillside were completely ambushed by constables riding under bushes, and others lay in wait down the hillside.

Early in the morning a pretty

young peasant woman, coming from one of the houses, saw one of the police and raised the alarm.

A volley from the police shattered the windows of the house. Mitrovitch and Sushitch, armed with carbines, revolvers and bombs, ran into the courtyard and opened fire.

Another volley from the police, and both bandits were wounded. They made off down the hill.

Sushitch was hit from one of the bushes. "Give my love at home!" He shouted to Mitrovitch as he fell. Before he died he emptied his automatic into the bush, severely wounding a corporal in the neck.

Although wounded 10 times, Mitrovitch ran on into a wood, dodging like a hare. Four shots from an ambush in the wood ridled his head and he fell.

Mitrovitch was armed with a new carbine, a bayonet, a bomb, a revolver and several hundred rounds of ammunition.

Sushitch had an Austrian rifle, a revolver, two long knives and much ammunition.

Both men were well-dressed, heavily scented, and had nicely manicured hands.

Among Mitrovitch's possessions was a well-thumbed book of Serbian poems, obviously his favourite reading.—Reuter.

SOURCE OF SUN'S CORONA

Scientists Claim Gas
To Be Oxygen.

INTERESTING DISCOVERY

Passadena, California.

Great interest was expressed by astronomers at Mt. Wilson Observatory in the announcement from Harvard University of the discovery that the source of the sun's corona was oxygen.

Professor Henry Russell, astronomer of Princeton University and a research associate at Mt. Wilson said that the conclusions "looked very good and should be taken very seriously."

"It is a notable, important discovery," he remarked, "and the men who made it are very competent. The next step will be to discover the source of the green line in the spectrum now that the red line has been identified. We are certain it is not of the same substance."

Dr. Walter S. Adams, Head of Mt. Wilson Observatory, said the identification "was fairly probable."

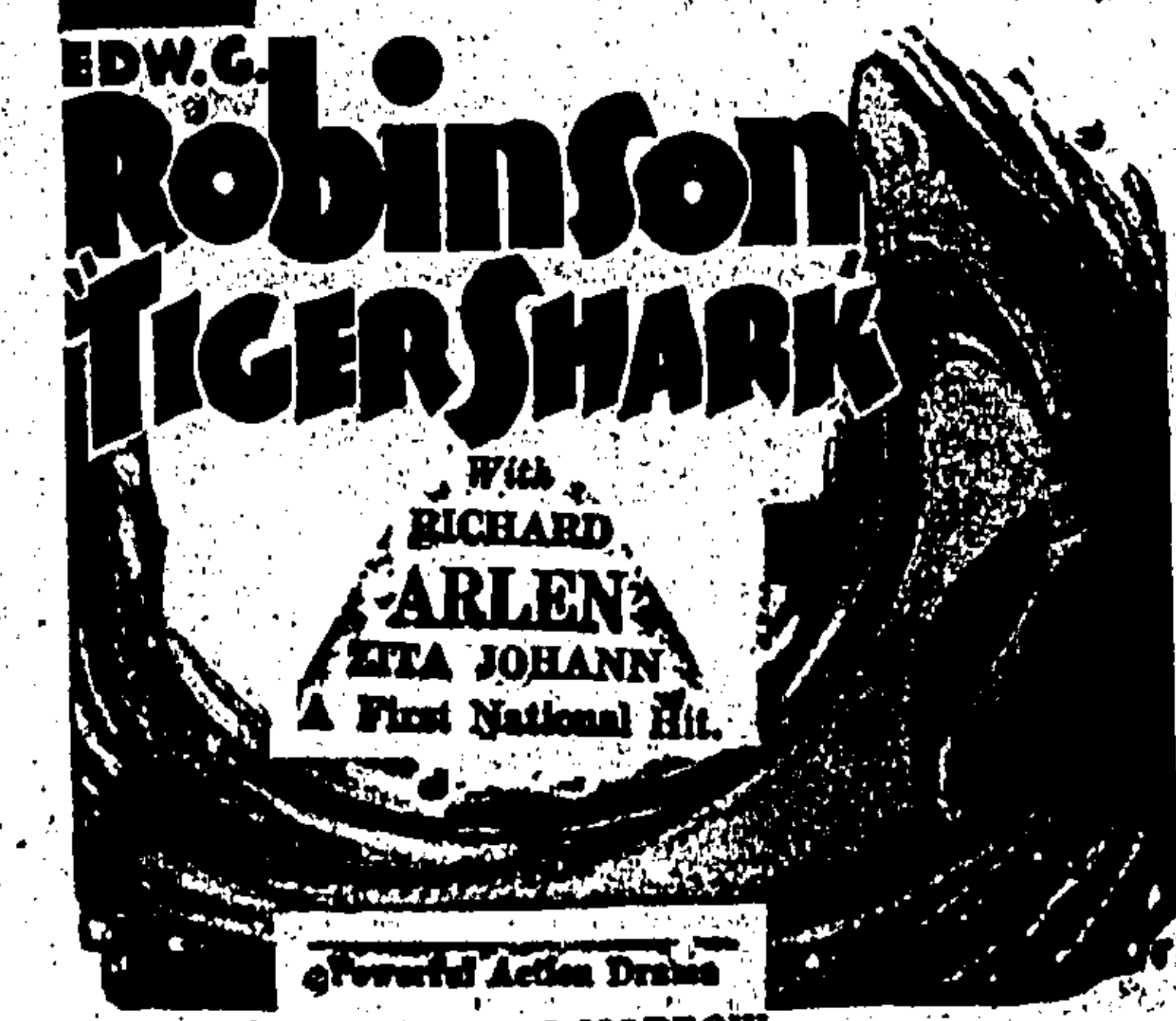
"No one has believed for years that the source was an unknown gas," he continued. "We were reasonably certain that it was oxygen, helium or a gas of that type radiating from the sun which could not be reproduced in the laboratory.—Reuter.

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